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Recycling scheme is set to go ahead

Despite what local people say

By Trevor Bevins

PLANS for alternate week rubbish collections and the introduction of wheelie bins throughout West Dorset are set to go ahead, whatever local people say.

The district council has agreed a public "communication and engagement exercise" on the plans – but has rejected a public consultation.

The difference is that the message is likely to be one-way, with the authority explaining the changes, rather than being open to public comments and prepared to change the decision.

WDDC Council leader, Robert Gould, said that the authority is committed to the county-wide scheme as a member of the Dorset Waste Partnership.

He said that the scheme would reduce costs and should increase the rate of recycling, offering the district environmental benefits.

Councillor Gould has also promised that everything possible will be done to accommodate those in rural areas where using a wheelie bin could be difficult and those in houses where there is nowhere to store the bins, apart from on the street.

The concession for a public engagement exercise was won by Liberal Democrat councillors at last week's district council meeting in Dorchester.

Pressing for a three month consultation exercise, Dorchester councillor Stella Jones said there had been talks between councils, but not with the public.

She said: "People are very worried they are losing their weekly collection and will have to have wheelie bins

"We ought to be listening and asking the public what they want. Sometimes they have better views than we do."

West Dorset will be one of the last authorities in the county to join the scheme, which will be rolled out elsewhere in the county from October.

That, argued Councillor Gould, would be to West Dorset's advantage.

"Because of that we can learn from others experiences…but out existing system does need to be improved to increase the amount of recycling and reduce what we take to

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A FAMILIAR face at Dorchester's Dinosaur Museum has been taken away to be given a facelift.

Tricky the the Triceratops has been at the museum for more than 20 years, and curators decided it was time he needed a little TLC.

Tricky had to be lifted out of the museum by a team of removal men, who were being filmed for a documentary series for Channel 5, using a crane.

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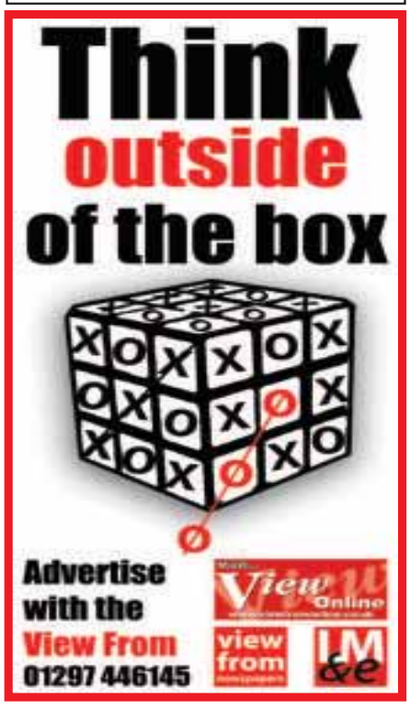

BRIDPORT artist Chris Day went to school in Exeter where he was inspired by his art teacher, Peter Thursby.

Then, 36 years later, Chris opened his own gallery, The Pierrepoint Gallery.

Chris' interim years between school and the gallery were spent in the farming and the IT industries. But, the arts remained an abiding interest and his business career allowed him to indulge in a small collection of paintings as well as sponsoring theatre and music.

Here Chris explains the connection between a notorious hangman and his business, his future plans for Pierrepoint gallery and his love of art.

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WHERE did the name The Pierrepoint Gallery come from?
I was desperately trying to come up with a name that was a little bit different and yet had a link with Bridport. In a chance conversation with Fido May I asked him if he had any ideas. In a flash he said 'Bridport, Rope, hangman's noose, Pierrepoint the hangman used Bridport Rope, you hang paintings, call it The Pierrepoint Gallery' and that was that, brilliant. Thank you Fido.

SO why did you set it up?
A series of circumstances, not all good, lead me to Bridport. Lots of people find themselves living in Bridport and then wonder how it happened. It's as though Bridport makes the decision for them. I had planned a gallery and framing business elsewhere. The right premises were for sale and here I am.

THIS is the gallery's 10th year what's the key to your success?
Success is relative in the art business. As any artist will tell you. You have to love it first and I do. Perhaps my enthusiasm rubs off on people when they visit the gallery. I am convinced that it takes a long time to create a respected gallery. You just have to be there year in year out and have consistent quality. I absolutely depend on return customers and they in turn depend on me to be there and to be consistent. The gallery is a destination for many visitors to the town.

WHAT'S next for the gallery?
Well I am planning a number of events for this 10th year so keep an eye on Facebook. There will be exhibitions and special features for those gallery artists who have been with me since the beginning starting with John Walker exhibition at Easter as well as a couple of more recent introductions for example Daniel Glover and Philippa Goold. I shall also be publishing a catalogue with the gallery 'Premier Selection' of perhaps 25 paintings.

HAS Bridport changed much in the last 10 years
It is quite extraordinary how much has changed in 10 years. It is an amazing town full of enterprising, kind and happy people. It was like that before I came here and is even more so now.

WHAT is your favourite spot in Dorset?
We are spoilt for choice in West Dorset in particular so I am going to cheat and name two places. In town it is South Street. It is such a pleasure and privilege to look at, live in and be part of. Where else in the world can you have such a choice – good eating, three bookshops, a cinema, Arts Centre, three galleries, several places to feed your spiritual needs – the list goes on. Incredible. Out of town then take me to Eggardon Hill. I can see the world from there, breathe freely, feel the history and get everything into perspective.

WHAT are your plans for the future?
Well the future started last year. The plans are to do more with the premises and phase one was the new tenant in the shop at the front. Rosie Shelton's Bridport Yarn is a great success. Phase two and three go together. I want to turn another building into a bigger and better gallery and use the existing gallery space and courtyard as a cafe. These are quite profound changes, but I know that they will add a lot this end of South Street.

IF I could invite any three people for dinner who would they be?
Leonardo da Vinci, Picasso and David Hockney.

WHO is your favourite artist of all time?
Picasso. He broke the mould and changed himself and the world fundamentally – and I like his paintings.

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Campaigners ask will shopping complex be viable?

Concerns that Charles Street development will not attract retailers

by Trevor Bevins

PROTESTORS continue to harass West Dorset councillors over their decision to press on with the redevelopment of Charles Street.

One has accused the council of censoring its own Community Link publication.

John Grantham told councillors it was remarkable that the last seven editions had omitted any mention that if the second phase of the shopping scheme does go ahead, the whole of the Charles Street North car park will be closed for three years.

"Is the Community Link a council officers' publication, or a ruling party publication, or a mix?" asked Mr Grantham during the public question session of Thursday's full council meeting.

Mr Grantham also challenged council leader Robert Gould over the building of the authority's new offices on Charles Street in the face of what he described as widespread public opposition.

He warned that with competition from internet shopping and with Dorchester's own Brewery Square scheme fighting for business, the Charles Street development might not be able to attract enough retailers to make it viable.

Another protestor, Philip Jordan, said there was overwhelming public dismay about the height of the Charles Street development and called on the council to look at redeveloping what he described as the run-down market or opening up the Roman Baths, which lie under Charles Street car park.

But WDDC Leader Robert Gould said that despite the concerns Dorchester was weathering the economic downturn better than most.

"There are not many towns of this size where you can see four cranes on the skyline. Waitrose has taken the first phase and will have a John Lewis at Home… there is a second High Street name interested in 40,000 square feet.

"Half the scheme is let and advanced negotiations are continuing for the rest," he said.

His denial that Community Link was an officers' or political publication was met with jeers and questions of "when?" as he claimed opposition councillors were invited to contribute to its pages.

"None of the councillors on this side of the house has been consulted over the publication," said Dorchester Liberal Democrat Councillor Stella Jones.

Cllr Gould went on to claim that the closure of the Charles Street North car park was well known, if the second phase of the development went ahead.

He said: "It has been a long process. The decision was taken by the full council in the normal way; there was a special meeting and the development control process was open and transparent and the decision legitimately taken… it must have been one of the most heavily discussed and debated issues.

"I would be amazed if anyone in West Dorset did not know what was going on."

■ WORK underway on new offices for West Dorset District Council

■ CONTINUED public anger over West Dorset District Council's new offices results in another packed public gallery

Rubbish collection scheme will not go to public consultation

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landfill," he said.

But, despite the benefits, one Conservative, Ron Coatesworth, said he was unable to vote for the scheme after visiting several parish councils in his area to find all of them equally "horrified" at the prospect of losing the weekly collection and having to have wheelie bins.

"If you live in a row of terraced houses, where are you going to put them?" he said.

The Dorset Waste Partnership believes the scheme will improve recycling rates from 35 to 65 per cent and save £304,977 a year.

The new service will be run by the Dorset Waste Partnership, and will provide residents with a weekly food waste collection, a fortnightly recycling collection of glass, card, paper, plastics, batteries, tins and cans, and a fortnightly collection of left-over non-recyclable waste to go to landfill. Residents will also be offered a fortnightly garden waste collection service, which they will have to pay extra for.

Each home will be offered a seven-litre food waste kitchen caddy and a lockable food waste container, a 140-litre wheeled bin for non-recyclable landfill rubbish (collected fortnightly), a 240-litre wheeled bin for recycling (collected fortnightly) and a 55-litre recycling box for glass (collected fortnightly).

In certain circumstances communal bins may be provided for residents living in flats and special arrangements may be made for residents who cannot store wheelie bins.

District council Leader Robert Gould said after the council meeting: "The district council's funding from central government has been cut by 25 per cent – a huge reduction. We must save money to protect frontline services and keep our council tax one of the lowest in the country.

"The environmental benefits will be great. We will be able to offer residents a new weekly food recycling service and a plastic recycling service, which lots of people have asked for. There will also be a new optional, chargeable, service available to collect garden waste, further reducing the amount sent to landfill."

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Julia's House forced to trim services

MAY you have good health and happiness are just two of the wishes that are usually given to family and friends over the New Year festive period.

However a third wish may be added - that of good fortune - and in the case of Julia's House that is a very big wish.

There has been much publicity regarding charitable organisations struggling to meet their commitments and Julia's House is no exception.

Unfortunately, early press coverage of the situation at Julia's House, seemed to suggest that the hospice was about to close altogether, rather than for 36 days but chief executive Martin Edwards was quick to point out that this was far from the case and the following is the statement he made to clarify the situation.

"The charity is merely taking sensible precautions to ensure that the hospice can offer the same high standard of care and commitment to the children and their families.

"It is looking like there will be, despite the magnificent efforts of all supporters and fundraisers, a £200,000 deficit at the end of 2011.

"To counter this, Julia's House will be making two small changes to its service in 2012. It will reduce the hospice service for pre-school children by 36 days over the year (bringing them in line with school-age children). The loss of these additional sessions means that the hospice will close on 36 Mondays during 2012.

"The hospice will also lose two of the overnight weekends it currently offers, but the two weekends in question will retain their Saturday and Sunday sessions.

"The service that is offered to all Julia's House families will remain the same viz 200 hours of hospice or community-based care per child, per year. It is important to run an affordable service in 2012 so that the hospice is not over extended.

"The steps that have been taken -far from worrying people - should re-assure them. It means that the hospice will not have to turn any child away for financial reasons and that is at the heart of our fundraising efforts.

"With the help of people like you, donating, supporting, fundraising and volunteering, Julia's House will continue to throw out a lifeline to the Dorset families who so desperately need us."

Julia's House is grateful for the wonderful support the collectors at Morrisons's received before Christmas and for all the donations throughout 2011.

Despite a little doom and gloom at the beginning of this Olympic year, the volunteers hope you will continue to give your support to whatever event they may be at.

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Volunteers upset as paid staff take over café role

■ DORCHESTER'S mayor Tess James cuts the ribbon to declare the County Hospital's Terrace Café officially open

by Trevor Bevins

A REVAMPED café, previously run by the League of Friends, has been officially opened at the Dorset County Hospital.

Dorchester Mayor, Councillor Tess James did the honours at The Terrace Café on Tuesday (January 10th).

As she cut the ribbon one of the former volunteers protested about being told their help was no longer needed.

"A lot of people from the friends are so disgusted with the way we have been treated by the hospital management that they've left here and are not coming back," said Chris Keat.

"We are very upset that they've said that paid staff will be able to run the café more efficiently…I bet they won't have the time to stop and talk to patients and visitors like we used to do."

She also dismissed claims that the Terrace Café would put £105,000 a year into the hospital's coffers.

"If in the next phase they take the shop away from us, who will be left to come in and run the trolley service.

"We haven't got to rush around. We have time to sit and talk to people. You can't put a cost on that," said Mrs Keat.

The move from volunteers to paid staff in the café came after a review of food services in the hospital, which showed that merging the café with the hospital's catering department would increase the income.

The Trust's Director of Finance and Resources, Bill Boa said: "We greatly appreciate the service the friends have provided from the café premises, but with the current financial pressures the hospital is facing, we have to ensure we are making the most of every opportunity for generating income.

"Having a single catering service for the hospital will make it much easier to manage efficiently."

Talks have now been held with the friends to find other opportunities within the hospital, including a trolley service, for their team of volunteers who used to run the café.

The Terrace Café now has extended opening hours, from 8am to 8pm, Monday to Friday.

■ LEAGUE of Friends protestor, Chris Keat (second from left) and colleagues from the League who remain upset about being told they could no longer run the café on a voluntary basis

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Museum home to rare timepiece

THE "twin" of an ancient timepiece, sold by London auctioneers for the price of a house, can be found in Dorchester's County Museum.

The rare 14th century scientific instrument, found in a shed in Queensland, Australia, is one of just four similar items in existence – two are in the collections of the British Museum, while the final quadrant can be seen locally in the Dorchester Gallery at Dorset County Museum.

Dorset's gilt brass fan-shaped quadrant is dated 1398, making it the third oldest surviving British scientific instrument, and measures 8cm across. It would have been used to tell the time, using the height of the sun in the sky, before the invention of clocks and watches.

The reverse of the quadrant bears the white hart crest of Richard II without the collar - the emblem used by the king's half-brother, John Holland, the Duke of Exeter, who was probably its original owner.

Jon Murden, Director at Dorset County Museum said: "The quadrant is on display for anyone to see in the Dorchester Gallery – we are proud to own such a rare and important item. Pieces like this are hugely valuable in pinpointing moments of tremendous achievement and progress and we are very happy to be able to present such objects for the enjoyment and interest of the public."

In the New Year the quadrant will form part of a re-display of the Museum's Victorian Hall in which a selection of key artefacts from the Museum's collections will be showcased together.

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Sculpt like an Egyptian

■ SCULPTOR Mark Vyvyan-Penney works one of the more traditional kilns *Photo by Julian Downes*

by Will Downes

EGYPTIAN pottery making came to Dorchester's County Museum at the weekend.

The hands-on session could have been filled twice over, according to organisers, and will now be repeated at Upwey towards the end of the month.

The Saturday session was set up to run alongside the museum's successful Pharaoh: King of Egypt exhibition.

Leading the workshop was Upwey-based potter Bill Crumbleholme and experimental archaeologist Kate Verkooijen.

Faience, which is produced from a glazed paste, shaped and then kiln-fired to remove all the moisture, results in a beautiful turquoise end product. It was popular in Ancient Egypt and Bronze Age Europe and examples of the art form are known to be a key decoration on Tutankhamun's tomb.

Items produced by an enthusiastic group on Saturday included lady-birds and beads.

Though traditionally fired using coal, sculptor Mark Vyvyan-Penney explained how, for the purposes of reliability, the participants objects would be fired using a gas-heated kiln.

On show, however, were a variety of kilns, constructed out of dung and clay, displaying the extraordinary technology that those living in the Bronze-Age had developed.

As a result of the interest in the workshop the Ancient Wessex Network will now run another session on January 22nd in Upwey.

Members of the Network regularly attend festival events, demonstrating their skills and enthusing others to explore ancient material cultures.

Last chance to see the Pharaoh

NEXT week is the final chance to see the Pharaoh: King of Egypt, exhibition at the Dorset County Museum.

Artefacts from the British Museum collection have already attracted thousands of extra visitors to Dorchester.

On Thursday, January 19th at 7pm, Margaret Maitland from the British Museum will be talking on the subject of "Fallen Pharaohs: Egypt's Civil War and Cultural Renaissance".

At the time of the pyramids, the pharaohs were considered to be all-powerful and divinely-appointed, but when the country fell into civil war, Egypt was forced to reassess the role of the king.

Originally characterised as a dark age, the civil war may have actually fostered greater social mobility and literacy leading to a flourishing of great literature and art.

These complex works of poetry and sculpture depict the king for the first time not as a semi-divine warrior, but as a fallible man.

Although this era, the Middle Kingdom, is one of the least well-known periods of Egyptian history today, the Egyptians themselves viewed it as a Golden Age.

Tickets for the lecture cost £5 and are available now from the museum shop – please telephone (01305) 756827 10am to 4pm, Monday to Saturday or email shop@dorsetcountymuseum.org.

The exhibition runs until Sunday, January 22nd when the museum will be open all day to ensure as many people as possible can see it before it closes.

Plough Sunday service

LOCAL farmers and agricultural students joined in an annual Plough Sunday service at Kingston Maurward College at the weekend.

The event, held in the main house on Sunday, was followed by tea.

A collection was made for the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

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Round table look for lost members

FORMER Round Tablers from Dorchester are expected to travel from throughout the country to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the founding of the organisation.

A special menu to reflect the six decades is being developed by staff at the King's Arms Hotel just for the occasion – and, yes, spam fritters might well feature.

The celebration event takes place on Saturday, February 18th and will include invitations, not only to former Dorchester Round Tablers, but to neighbouring groups who were instrumental in setting up the Dorchester group.

Also invited is the organisation's national president and civic leaders from the town.

From its heyday, when the Round Table was more than 30 strong, the existing group is down to around a dozen but still manages to arrange the town's annual Carnival in June and the Beerex beer festival in February.

Membership is restricted to men under the age of 40, unlike similar organisations such as the Rotary and Lions where there is no upper limit for membership.

This year's chairman Ellis Ford is now appealing for former Tablers who would like to attend the reunion to get in touch. He says that, inevitably, communication with many former members has been lost over the years. The group is also looking for photographs, films and other memorabilia which can be displayed on the evening.

Mr Ford can be contact by email - ellisford1968@gmail.com.

Free advice consultations

MEDIATION Dorset is offering free advice consultations as part of their community drop in service on the first Wednesday of the month from 11am until 1pm.

The sessions will be held at the United Church, Dorchester with access from the Charles Street entrance.

Further information about Mediation, which can be used in a wide range of situations, can be obtained by calling (01305) 257717 or by emailing info@mediation-dorset.co.uk.

LYNNE and the ladies of Slimming World at their Christmas celebration

New year, new you

by Anita Harries

TUMMY tuck too expensive? Steam roller too painful?

Why not try Slimming World with Lynne Stockwell?

If all the excesses of the festive season appear to have parked themselves firmly on your hips and your waist seems to have merged with the rest of your body, look no further than the Dorchester Community Church on Wednesday afternoons at 3.30pm when Lynne will be starting a new group from January 4th 2012.

Your Christmas indulgences will slowly disappear will the help and support of both Lynne and those aiming to lose weight with you.

Dieting need not be boring, you can eat well and still shed those pounds, and there is even room for a few "sins" such as chocolate, yummy trifle and the occasional glass of wine. Lynne already runs two classes, but sheer numbers mean she needs to start another.

And with damage limitation very much in demand after Christmas it is sure to be as successful as her other two.

It is five years since she started her very first class, and over the years laughter has been very much at the forefront of all she has done.

There are taster nights where you can try foods you may otherwise pass over, virtual buffets to create an understanding of just how quickly the calories mount up when eating buffet food, and a wonderful Christmas spread which demonstrates just how well you can eat whilst losing weight.

This is accompanied by some very interesting festive songs with a food theme, and a game of pass the parcel with a difference.

And I am sure countless calories are lost with all the laughter that appears to accompany every session.

Debbi Smith, who attends Slimming World, said: "The moral support we receive from everyone here is excellent.

"Everything about it is very positive, there are no feelings of guilt, and with plenty of help on hand the emphasis is very much on the positive side of weight loss."

Say hello this winter

SAY 'hello' to a neighbour is the message from Volunteering Dorset as winter weather is finally with us.

Staff at the centre are asking all of us to call on neighbours just to ask if they are ok and to see if there is anything which can be done to help.

They say that last year's snowfall and prolonged cold period left many elderly and vulnerable people without basic essential and some who did venture out ended by injuring themselves by slipping.

"If you are going shopping, why not ask if you can pick up anything for them, if you do online shopping ask if they would like any items added to your list," said a centre spokesperson.

Magna adopts text initiative

MAGNA residents with mobile phones will receive welcome messages from the housing group.

The messages are to confirm the number it holds for them is accurate and they are happy for Magna to text them.

Mobile phones are the most widely used form of communication and Magna currently holds mobile phone numbers for about 40 per cent of its tenants.

Texting offers an opportunity to improve Magna's information collection and communication with customers, as well as providing an additional way to contact staff, particularly those out of the office such as the trades staff.

The Deeplake system Magna is using offers a two-way (send and receive/record) system with a vast range of uses. At least 70 uses have been identified to date but, to start with, Magna will be using it for repairs appointments and contacting staff (as from January 2012) and then debt recovery (as from March 2012).

Further uses will be then adopted as appropriate.

Help needed for Sunday services

HELP is needed to get patients to and from church services at the County Hospital in Dorchester.

Chaplain Ron Martin is asking for volunteers to assist in identifying patients who would like to attend the 10am Sunday services, collect them from the wards and help them back afterwards.

The service, which includes an optional communion, only last half an hour.

Mr Martin can be reached on 01305 255198 or by emailing Ron.Martin@dchft.nhs.uk.

Online auctions for Oxfam

OXFAM in Dorchester is looking for volunteers to upload items for sale onto online auction sites.

Training is being offered for those who want to join the project. The shop, in South Street, can be visited for further details, or by calling 01305 263590.

Plant meeting

THE Plant Heritage Dorset Group is holding its annual meeting today (Thursday, January 12th) at Kingston Maurward College.

The 7pm meeting, in the Conference Room, will be followed by a talk from Tim Hooker on the subject "Some of My Favourite Things".

Information about the group and meeting can be obtained by calling 01305 772533.

Have you say on train services

TRAIN travellers who use Dorchester's two stations are being invited to have their say about services.

TravelWatch SouthWest, is urging passengers to take part in a Government-backed consultation about service standards. Comments can be made at www.dft.gov.uk/consultations/dft-2011-36 until the end of March.

Awards for care staff

DORCHESTER care company, Everycare (Wessex) Ltd, have presented awards to three of their staff.

The annual staff awards for outstanding service were presented by husband and wife directors Stuart and Lorrie Truelove.

The winner of the Community Care Assistant of the Year award was Martina Stone, while Kathy Bagwell was the Best Healthcare Assistant.

Best Newcomer was Sidney Davies.

The awards were based on maintaining high standards of care throughout the year combined with an outstanding contribution to their role.

Stuart Truelove said: "There has recently been much criticism about the UK standard of care for the elderly and needy.

"Much of it has been deserved. However, all of us at Everycare believe in offering a quality service.

"Our whole team have been outstanding throughout the last 12 months and these awards show our gratitude for their hard work and dedication.

"Our team have always gone the extra mile and this is our way of thanking them."

MARTINA Stone receiving her award and an Everycare hamper from director, Lorrie Truelove

Two storey extension

THE new owner of a house in one of Dorchester's most prestigious roads is applying for planning permission for a two storey extension to the front of the building.

Builder Roger Burrage is hoping to extend over the existing garage at 59 Queens Avenue to provide a new dining room and extension to an existing kitchen with two new bedrooms and a new bathroom on the first floor.

Comments on the application have to be submitted to West Dorset District Council by February 3rd .

Solar panels

COMMENTS are being asked on plans to fit eight solar panels to the roof of a house on the former Fordington Dairy site in Dorchester.

Architects for the applicant claim that the panels will not be visible from either Athelstan Road or Kings Road and will only be seen from within the courtyard development.

The house, number 13, is a Grade 2 listed building and within a Conervation Area.

Comments on the application should be made to West Dorset District Council by February 3rd.

Hardeyans congratulate Sir

THE Old Hardyeans from Thomas Hardye School have congratulated Sir Roger Gale MP on being knighted in the New Years honours list.

Roger Gale was educated at Hardye's School, Dorchester, from 1955 and 1962, having been born in Poole.

He became a pirate disc jockey on Radio Caroline, before being elected to Parliament as the MP for Thanet North 28-years-ago.

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Successful Wassail for community orchard

DORCHESTER'S community orchard saw around 30 people Wassailing the apple trees on Saturday of last week (January 7th).

"People really liked it, one of those there had even come all the way from Sufffolk.

"We had apple juice and cider, soaked the trees and sang them a wassail song to ward off evil spirits and ensure a good harvest," said Transition Town Dorchester secretary Jenny Shackleford.

This is the second year the event has been held, the 2011 Wassail being cut short by heavy rain.

The Railway Orchard, which is just off Monmouth Road, currently has 18 apple trees with another ten due to be planted in the coming weeks.

A second community orchard, which boasts 60 trees and was planted to celebrate Prince Charles' 60th birthday, is being taken over by the Transition Town team and is likely to be the subject of its own Wassail ceremony next year.

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Tricky's facelift draws a crowd

A TEAM of removal men, a crane, a street closure and a crowd all came together for the lift off of Tricky the Triceratops from outside Dorchester's Dinosaur Museum.

And as the life-sized dinosaur model was inched past telephone wires and metal railings the exercise was being filmed by Channel 5 to be shown as part of a new series about removal men in the New Year.

After more than 20 years outside the museum in Icen Way owners Mike and Jackie Ridley decided that Tricky was showing signs of age and needed a mega makeover.

The work, by Portland commercial artist Andrew Jolliffe, could not be carried out on site so Tricky had to be moved to a site where the tank-sized model could be cleaned off and re-painted.

"It will require a lot of elbow grease for the preparation although I suspect the re-painting might only take a couple of days," said Andrew.

No stranger to 'odd' painting jobs, he has previously worked on animated displays for Harrods and models for Santa World in Finland, not to mention figures for a number of BBC series and various theme parks.

It is expected that the whole process will take about two weeks.

"Some of the neighbours were quite concerned that Tricky might be going forever and asked what was going on.

by Trevor Bevins

"The model's been a part of Dorchester for so long now, and is so popular with the children that there's no way we could ever say goodbye," said museum director Mike Ridley.

One of the remaining questions about the makeover is exactly what colour to paint Tricky.

"Nobody really knows what colour dinosaurs were but I think we might end up with a slightly darker colour than before," said Mike.

Apart from a brief excursion when a large group of students managed to remove the dinosaur during New Year celebration this is the first time the dinosaur model has been away from the museum.

Curator Tim Batty was delighted with how smoothly the operation went, considering the constraints of the site.

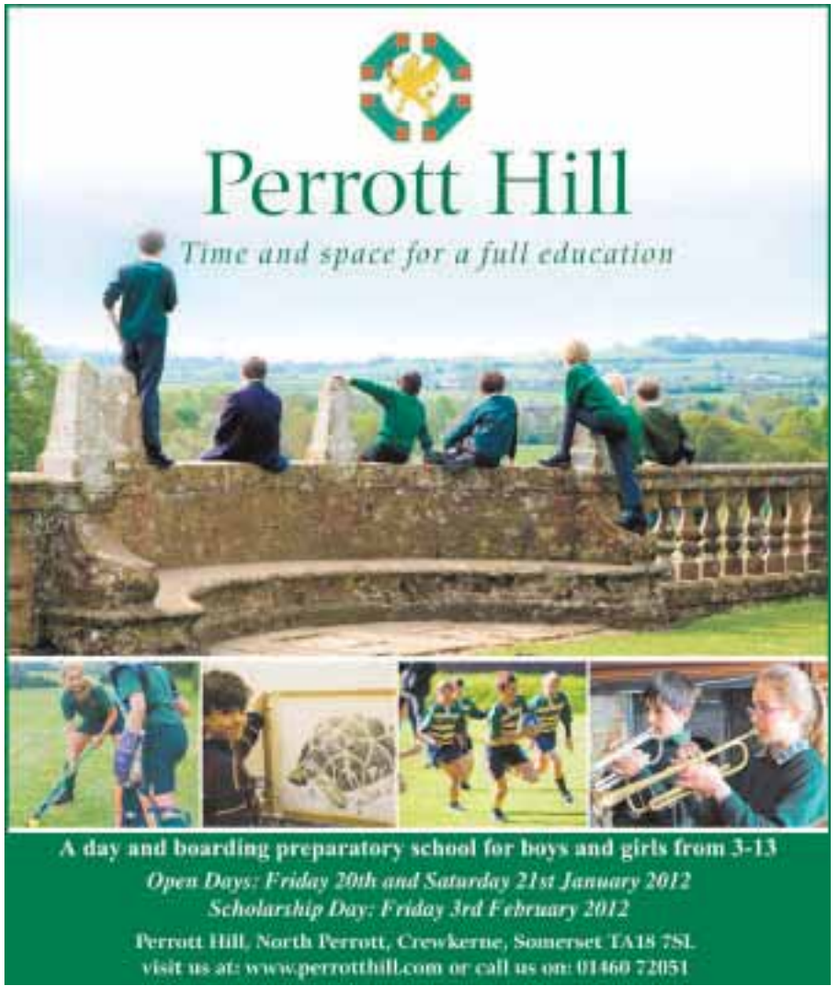
"Pickfords were keen to help and thought it would be ideal for the TV programme as well. Tricky will be returning after a few weeks with a new finish to take pride of place in the Dinosaur Museum's outside area. The triceratops will be away from the museum for as short a time as possible as he is a firm favourite with visitors to the Dinosaur Museum and local families who pass by it on a regular basis.

CHANNEL 5's team making sure they get the interviews they need for the spring series of "The Removal Men"

REMOVAL team Lee Cousins, Dave Rosewall, Damian Dawes, David McCusker and Tony Allan. All will feature in the Channel 5 series "The Removal Men" in the spring

GENTLY does it – removal men and crane and lorry driver Terry Peach carefully winch the dinosaur model over the railings

ANXIOUS faces as the dinosaur is finally hoisted onto the back of the lorry



Innovative Secret Garden from Angel Exit

THEATRE REVIEW by Will Downes

RE-TELLING a classic story such as Francis Hodgson Burnett's 'The Secret Garden' requires an attention to detail that sympathises with the novel's status. But it demands re-hydrating, bringing back from tradition – something this performance certainly achieved.

The Angel Exit theatre company, Dorchester Arts Centre's in-residence company, used a combination of music, physical theatre and puppetry to create a vivid and memorable dramatic experience for their audience. Members of Dorchester's Youth Theatre greeted the audience with the sights and smells of India, authentic clothing and burning incense providing a sensory snapshot into which the first scene fed. The young actors showed confidence and talent alongside an exceptionally experienced Angel Exit cast.

The story of Mary Lennox (Ashleigh Cheadle), arriving in England from India after the death of her parents from cholera, was told with an emphasis on ignorance becoming naivety. Mary was difficult to start with, but began to show her true strength and character when tending to Colin (Simon Carroll Jones). Cheadle's initial performance was delicately shrill, but became a barricade for doubt. She changed for the better and wanted to help others do the same. The audience could not sympathise with her ignorance, but could with her naivety and the shift was wonderfully manoeuvred.

In what has become a trademark for Angel Exit, their use of physical theatre to portray journeys was in full force. The journey from India to England was a swarm of maps and suitcases, passing from actor to actor set to the beat of music by Tom Ball. Cast members Henry Douthwaite and Lynne Forbes created carriages, four poster beds and several gardens with their innovative use of two wooden rakes and various materials. The most impressive creation however came in form of an elephant, its fabric ears flapping in the wind, its trunk (and trumpet) fashioned brilliantly from an empty watering can.

With such invention came an awareness of what could be achieved by this group of actors. When some of the longer scenes began to drag, there was always the possibility of a piece of magic keeping everyone's eyes on the stage. After a rather lengthy interval, the story resumed with enthusiasm and humour. Even a temporary sound failure – an issue dealt with efficiently and professionally – couldn't dampen the spirits of everyone inside the Corn Exchange.

Simon Carroll-Jones took the reins with his superb portrayal of Colin, a boy with so little faith in his own health that an open window was a step too far. His quivering and whimpering raised the biggest laughs of the night. But much like Mary, Colin's realisation that he could be happy was a poignant aside to a performance that was treated comically. His jubilation at being amongst the plants, smells and sounds of the Secret Garden cemented Carroll-Jones' as the performance of the night.

The tone of the second half of the show led to a few too many shifts in mood (lighting and sound), focused largely on the journey that Mary's uncle, Archibald Craven, made back to his home. Otherwise, a fine dis-

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play of lights from Kevin Treacy were an assured accompaniment to such a textured and interesting set. It appeared to fold in on itself, and then out again more times than I can remember – each cabinet and drawer holding a myriad of props.

It is easy to distract audiences from poor performances with visual excellence, but this production did no such thing. With attention to detail and a creative curiosity, the Angel Exit Theatre Company provided a thoroughly enjoyable evening for all those in attendance. Dorchester, and the Arts Centre, should be proud of its collaboration with such a capable and inventive creative team.

This tour of The Secret Garden continues in venues around the country until April, culminating in shows at Poole's Lighthouse Theatre. Information about these dates, ticketing and Angel Exit's other work is available at www.angelexit.co.uk.

■ SCENES from 'The Secret Garden' by the Angel Exit Theatre company www.angelexit.co.uk

Helping drivers to improve their skills

DRIVERS in the Dorchester area are being invited to improve their road skills through a course starting at County Hall in February.

The two sessions will include a look at theory and ways of improving techniques, followed by a practical session with an experienced instructor in the driver's own car.

Those joining up will look at observation, safety margins, distractions while driving, new techniques, changes to the law and to the Highway Code. This theory session starts at 2pm on February 6th and a £5 fee will be payable on the day.

The practical session costs £37.50.

Booking and further information can be obtained by calling Jeff Parsons on 01300 345368.

Mediterranean mountains talk

THE South Dorset Group of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds will be holding their next meeting on Thursday. January 19th at St. Georges Hall, Fordington, Dorchester at 7.30pm.

The talk is entitled "Corsica - Mountains of the Mediterranean" by photographer and tour leader Mike Read.

Admission - group members £2.50, vsitors £3 to include coffee and biscuits.

Guest for over 50s

FORMER London entertainments manager Bob Fox will be the guest speaker at the next Over 50 Forum in Dorchester.

Mr Fox, who worked at Lewisham Borough Council, will be speaking at the forum meeting on Tuesday, January 17th at 2pm in the Holy Trinity Parish Centre in Culliford Road.

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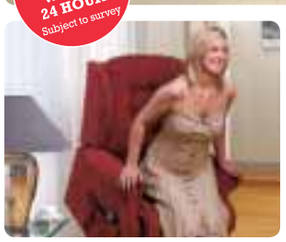

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Photograph by MICHEL HOOPER-IMMINS

Dorset men make donation to county youth association

The Society of Dorset Men has given £350 to the Dorset Youth Association, to support local young people in need.

Founded in 1943, the DYA advises and helps those under 25 who are vulnerable, homeless or in desperate need. Trained advisors talk to young people about debt, housing, education and health, both physical and mental.

The cheque was presented by Andy Prowse, Vice Chairman of The Society of Dorset Men, at the DYA's advice and information centre, 'Routes', in North Square.

Mr Prowse said: "The Society is particularly pleased to support the long-established Dorset Youth Association, so it can continue its outstanding work with local youngsters - especially in the winter.

"I had no idea so many local young people were in such need and our donation will help continue the good work."

Last year 486 young people asked Routes for help, many of them had housing related issues, with some being homeless.

The Society of Dorset Men has supported many local charities and organisations in 2011, including the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, the Dorset Echo Christmas Toy appeal, the Dorset County Hospital's Mammography Appeal, Julia's House at Corfe Mullen and the Dorset County Museum - to buy more Thomas Hardy manuscripts.

Last chance to comment on proposed gypsy sites

EXHIBITIONS outlining plans for gypsy and traveller sites were held in Dorchester and Weymouth this week.

People now have until February 10th to comment on the proposals with opposition groups fighting the plans throughout Dorset.

"We have been overwhelmed by the number of people who have contacted us to say how upset they are by some of the sites which are being proposed," said chairman of the Dorset group of the Campaign to Protect Rural England.

"In planning terms sites are being suggested on areas which we, and others, don't believe are suitable for any form of development."

Dorset has been told that it has to find space for 585-609 residential and temporary sites – with 80-84 required in West Dorset and 29-30 in Weymouth and Portland by 2013.

The sites suggested in the Weymouth and Portland include a plot near the park and ride close to the Mount Pleasant business park, land next to the household recycling centre in Lodmoor and South Buckland Farm, near Coldharbour.

In West Dorset seven sites are proposed including Piddlehinton, West Stafford, Evershot, Leigh, Yetminster and two in Beaminster.

Officials say that without official sites the power to move illegal encampments is severely restricted.

For further information about the consultation and how to make comments on the proposals visit www.dorsetforyou.com/gypsyandtravellersites.

Skills for Life training offered to youngsters

DISADVANTAGED young people from the Dorchester area are being offered the chance to improve their chances of finding work.

Relate, the counselling service, is offering a limited number of places on a Skills for Life training programme designed to provide a range of skills for young people to help them develop personally and in the world of work.

The training is aimed at 16 to 18-year-olds who fall into the NEET category, those currently not in education, employment, or training.

The Skills for Life sessions offer bespoke training, tailored to individual needs, and is particularly relevant to people who are disadvantaged helping them to gain the means to move forward in their lives.

Designed to take place in weekly sessions over a six-week period the rolling programme will be delivered at times and places to suit the individual, making accessibility and engagement possible.

The training is designed for individuals to gain skills, knowledge, understanding and experience to feel more confident about themselves.

The course will introduce those taking it to various aspects of human behaviour including effective communication, self-awareness, decision making, assertiveness, self esteem, relationships, how people behave in groups, coping with stress and beliefs and values.

Only 30 places are available in the area, funded by the Lloyds TSB Foundation, with the work delivered in other agency places or at Relate's own premises on Poundbury.

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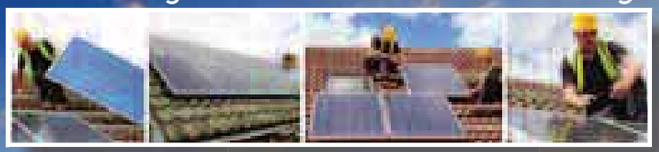

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OLIVER LETWIN MP for West Dorset ANNUAL REPORT

AT the start of the New Year, I am reporting on my activities in 2011 as your constituency MP.

We are lucky to have a much lower rate of unemployment here than almost anywhere else in the country. Nevertheless, I have found myself increasingly involved in helping young people find jobs, and others in the public, private and voluntary sectors who are taking very welcome steps to provide the training and opportunities that young people need.

The foundation of the jobs club in Dorchester was a highlight - and I look forward to helping with the creation of further jobs clubs. I have also been delighted to see the way in which our three colleges - Yeovil, Weymouth and Kingston Maurward - have been moving forward, and I am glad to have played a small part in helping BLAST (a remarkable local charity for young people) to found with Yeovil College a splendid new skills training centre in Bridport.

One theme that has been constant is the need for high speed rural broadband - and I am delighted that we are now moving firmly towards a full-scale roll out of high speed broadband in West Dorset on the basis of co-operation between the County Council and central government.

Next year, the Olympics at Weymouth offer the prospect of a boost for the businesses which depend in one way or another on tourism - but we are now engaged in a rearguard action to keep the Search and Rescue helicopter at Portland. I am just about to have meetings jointly with the MP for South Dorset in order to lobby the Department for Transport about this.

Two similar topics have arisen in the second half of 2011 - preserving outpatient services at our community hospitals, and ensuring that there is proper inpatient provision for mental health. I am optimistic that we will succeed in obtaining a new set of contracts to ensure that the outpatient services remain in our community hospitals.

Following a series of meetings with users of the mental health service and supporters, I am now engaged in ensuring that people can recuperate from mental illness in an appropriate environment without having to travel large distances.

As every year, I have had a large number of approaches from parish councils, community groups, schools and individual constituents - each raising particular problems. I have been able to contribute to the solution of some of these - helping Thomas Hardye School to become an academy, helping to raise funds for a range of community groups, helping several parish councils with the preparations for neighbourhood planning, and helping individuals to deal with various bureaucracies. One of the most satisfying aspects of constituency work is the moment when a particular bureaucracy unblocks a blockage and commonsense is allowed to prevail.

But local people do not just have problems. I continue to be impressed by the remarkable range of enterprise, goodwill, neighbourliness and voluntary activity in West Dorset. This is a part of the world that continues to be blessed not only by its natural environment and architectural heritage but also by the energy and spirit of its people.

It only remains for me to wish all my constituents a successful New Year.

ADVICE SURGERIES FOR 2012

January 20	Casterbridge Hotel, **Dorchester**	3pm
January 27	**Piddletrenthide** Village Hall	3pm
February 10	Hotel Alexandra, **Lyme Regis**	3pm
February 17	**Cerne Abbas** Village Hall	3pm
March 2	**Dewlish** Village Hall	3pm
March 9	Willowbed Hall, **Chickerell**	3pm
March 30	**Holwell** Village Hall	3pm
April 13	Mountfield, **Bridport**	3pm
April 20	**Tolpuddle** Village Hall	3pm
April 27	Eastbury Hotel, **Sherborne**	10am
May 11	**Bettiscombe** Village Hall	3pm
May 18	Casterbridge Hotel, **Dorchester**	3pm
May 25	**Shipton Gorge** Village Hall	3pm
June 8	Hotel Alexandra, **Lyme Regis**	3pm
June 15	**Walditch** Village Hall	3pm
June 22	Strode Room, **Beaminster**	3pm
June 29	**Litton Cheney** Village Hall	3pm
July 13	**Chedington** Village Hall	3pm
July 20	Mountfield, **Bridport**	3pm
July 27	**Langton Herring** Village Hall	3pm
September 7	Eastbury Hotel, **Sherborne**	10am
September 14	Strode Room, **Beaminster**	3pm
September 21	Casterbridge Hotel, **Dorchester**	3pm
October 12	Comrades Hall, **Broadwindsor**	3pm
October 19	Eastbury Hotel, **Sherborne**	10am
October 26	**Mosterton** Village Hall	3pm
November 2	Hotel Alexandra, **Lyme Regis**	3pm
November 9	**Oborne** Village Hall	3pm
November 16	Mountfield, **Bridport**	3pm
November 23	**Hermitage & Hilfield** Village Hall	3pm
November 30	Strode Room, **Beaminster**	3pm
December 7	**Corscombe** Village Hall	3pm
December 14	Willowbed Hall, **Chickerell**	3pm

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Hand-made and Man-made art

■ CAROLINE Parrott (left) and Debby Kirby

TRADITIONAL weaving meets modern metal in a new exhibition at Gallery On The Square, Poundbury.

Silk weaver Debby Kirby and designer-maker Caroline Parrott, who works in metal, have joined forces to create woven panels, which combine silk thread with hand-dyed and printed aluminium.

Aluminium ribbon by Caroline has been interwoven by Debby with her own silk thread on her loom at her studio at Dorset's Walford Mill. Each silk warp used was hand-dyed to complement the metal.

Debby said: "Aluminium and silk may seem an unlikely combination, but we both loved the idea of bringing two such different mediums together. As far as we are aware it has not been done before.

"The colour combinations produced when the aluminium is woven through such fine silk are constantly surprising."

On her loom at Walford Mill, Debby typically produces a variety of items in hand-dyed silk, including scarves, cushion and bags.

She also prints watercolour paper, which is cut into strips and woven through the silk threads to create framed images and hangings.

Caroline's favoured medium is anodised aluminium, which she hand dyes, producing a range of items including automata, interior accents and jewellery.

The two Dorset artists have collaborated before to produce lights, pictures and other pieces.

"Hand-made, Man-made" is on at Gallery On The Square on Queen Mother Square at Poundbury until February 15th.

■ LIONS President Derrick Buswell is seen presenting a cheque to two young members of the Greenfingers Group. Front right is Siobhan Davis , Cowden Care Farm Co-ordinator with Anthony Gould of Goulds standing behind

Lions boost for garden club

by Trevor Bevins

FUNDING from Dorchester Lions will lead to the expansion of a gardening group run by adults with learning disabilities.

The team work in the community in and around Dorchester helping older people and those with disabilities who are unable to maintain their own gardens.

A £200 cheque from the Lions and a generous discount from local company, Goulds, has meant the group can now plan ahead for expansion.

The project , which is based at the Cowden Care Farm on the outskirts of the county town, also hopes to grow vegetables, which will be given to those in need.

They also have plans to produce their own flower arrangements and hanging baskets, which will be donated to those in the community.

The Greenfingers Group was launched in the late summer with an initial grant of £750 from Gardening for the Disabled.

Additional help from the Lions, together with the discount from Goulds Garden Centre, now means the group is ready to expand and in the New Year will be looking for additional people to help – adding to the eight projects already underway.

"It really is a win-win situation. Those in the community who can do with help in their gardens benefit and members of our group are gaining valuable work experience and life skills," said Anna Hall from Cowden Care Farm.

Because of the difficulties and cost of transport the expansion of the project will be limited to Dorchester and the immediate area, such as Charminster.

Those who could benefit from some help will be asked to put themselves forward in the coming weeks.

Lions President Mr Derrick Buswell, handing over the cheque to the Greenfingers Group, said he was delighted that the club's donation would be able to help so many people in the community.

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England

5 days in Blackpool

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The tour will be visiting:
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England

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England

5 days in St Ives

The Cottage Hotel**

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The tour will be visiting:
Lands End, The Eden Project, St Just, Penzance and a leisure day in St Ives.

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Ireland

5 days in Wexford

The Whites Hotel****

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The tour will be visiting:
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The tour will be visiting:
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Ireland

8 days in Lisdoonvarna

The Whites Hotel**** The Imperial Hotel****

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The tour will be visiting:
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dates: Depart Returns 05/08/12 12/08/12

Valid Passport
Limited number of non single supplement rooms

Price per person **£639** All inclusive
Overnight bag

Ireland

8 days in Donegal

The Whites Hotel**** The Central Hotel***

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The tour will be visiting:
The Giants Causeway, Ballyshannon, Bundoran, Mullaghmore Head, Drumcliff, Donegal Bay Boat Trip (weather permitting), Sligo, Belleek Pottery, Killybegs, Oiencomcile Folk Village, Glengesh Pass

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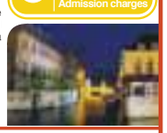

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Scotland

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Scotland

8 days in Oban

The Gretna Hall Hotel*** The Royal Hotel***

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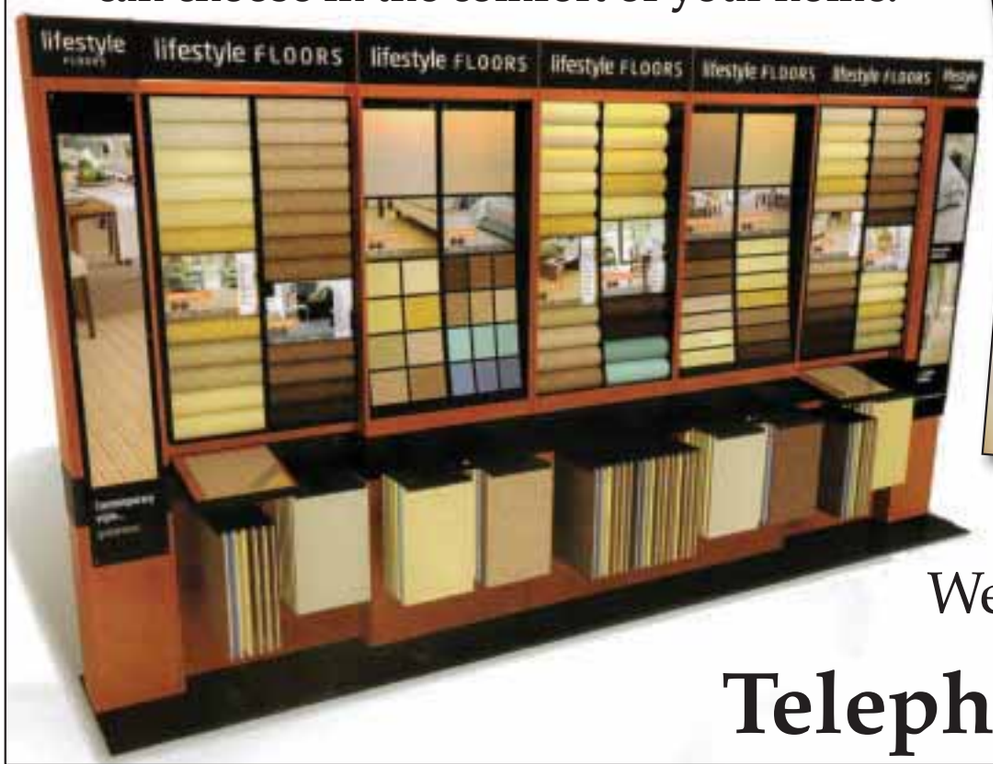

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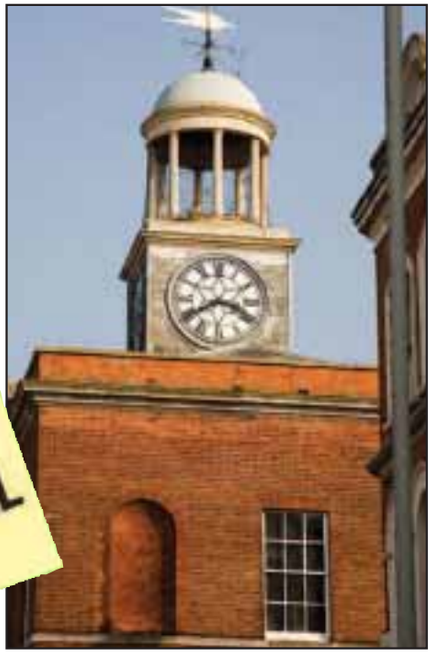
Experience Bridport & West Bay

A feature dedicated to services and businesses in Bridport & West Bay

Welcome to Bridport...

Featured on this page are some of the fantastic businesses that Bridport and Westbay have to offer. We are urging you to shop local and shop in Bridport and Westbay. Bridport is a friendly historic market town with national and local shops standing side by side in the main streets. Many local shops are long established family businesses and there are a wide variety of retail, manufacturing and service businesses located on the trading estates around the town. Bridport has a large artistic community and artists can be found working in the many small workshops and studios throughout the town.



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Samples can be viewed in their showroom next to Waitrose or can be delivered to view in the comfort of one's home. Expert advice is always on hand if required.

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Bella Kitchens, Bathrooms and Bedrooms

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Whether your preference is for classic, contemporary or modern, Bella have a showroom full of design options to meet every taste.

This wow factor showroom at Poundbury can't help but impress and is a must for visiting when searching for your dream kitchen or bathroom.

Through the use of colour, texture and creative design Bella have produced vibrant and refreshing displays to inspire and encourage bold choices.

Or for the more conservative choice visit our Oxford Court showroom in Weymouth, where we have an even larger range of seductive kitchens and bathrooms; you truly will be spoilt for choice!

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TOP Mark Carpets is a quality, independent business who specialise in commercial and domestic flooring needs. Directors Mark Stebbing and Steve Allenby have fifteen years experience each in the trade and so are the perfect choice when it comes to placing your trust in a local flooring expert.

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All of the staff at Sherborne Turf have experience of the products we sell, so for assistance on any aspect of your garden project, please give us a all on 01935 850388. Office hours are 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday, and Saturday mornings during busy periods.

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Rudge Renewables have just completed a prestigious installation at the RNLI Sea Survival School in Dorset. Designed to offset the large amount of electricity used on site for the training pool, wave machine and weather effects, the system is a major move forward for the RNLI, who like so many organisations are looking hard for effective ways to both keep their carbon footprint and power bills down. At Rudge Renewables, they can offer Feed in Tariff and power generating systems using Solar PV or Wind Turbines. Alternatively, the soon-to-be announced Renewable Heat Incentive will pay out for generating your own hot water. Solar Thermal or Heat Pumps are becoming more efficient and cheaper to run than gas.

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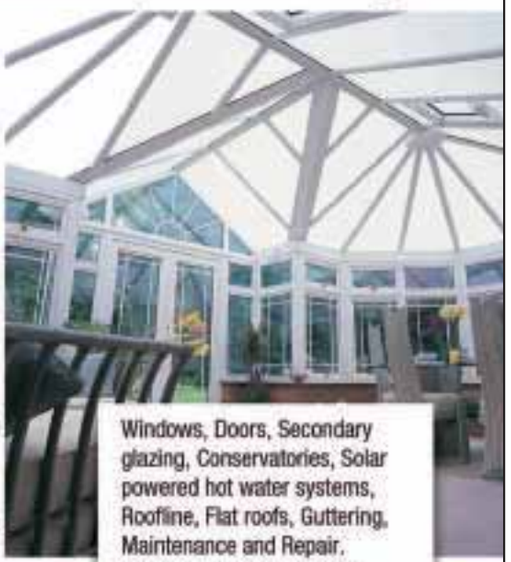

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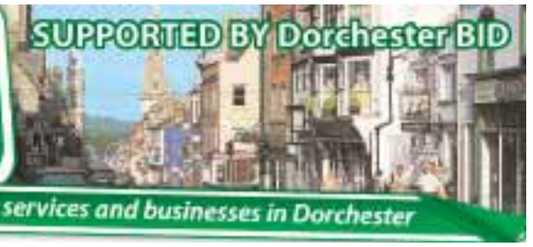

A feature dedicated to services and businesses in Dorchester

A New Year at N.K.W Weddings and Occasions

THE lovely little wedding and gift boutique that is N.K.W Weddings & Occasions is now celebrating one year at their new shop in Durngate Street, having moved to town from Poundbury.

The shop is looking gorgeous with it's stylish decorations by Gisela Graham, Retreat & Lisbeth Dahl. There are inspiring gifts for the new season and luxurious cards and wrap to complete the shopping experience.

New season stock includes new baby and christening keepsake boxes and albums along with personalised hearts to order.

There are gifts for anniversaries, special birthdays or gorgeous items to simply buy for the home because you love them.

N.K.W also have a lovely range of jewellery which may offer the perfect Valentine's gift.

Of course, if you are planning a wedding this year, N.K.W is a not to be missed destination for finding all that is necessary for your special day. Everything from Stationery, Table Decoration and Centrepieces, Chair Covers and Sashes through to Guest Books, Albums and Keepsakes.

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View 2 Music

Miranda Sykes and Rex Preston to play at Bridport Arts Centre

BRIDPORT Arts Centre is delighted to welcome Miranda Sykes on Friday 27 January, 8pm, Much admired for her performances with Show of Hands, she will be joined by Rex Preston.

Miranda Sykes performed with Show of Hands since 2004, augmenting their unique sound with her powerful double bass and rich harmonies, headlining some of the biggest festivals across the world.

As well as being a superb vocalist and double bassist she continues to surprise audiences with her musical versatility, and demonstrates her ability as a guitarist and interpreter of song, slipping effortlessly between genres.

Rex Preston has been described as the most virtuosic mandolin player. His style and fluidity compliments Miranda's songs beautifully. The show is part of the tour of new material featuring on their debut album, which is due to be released in late February.

Programme Manager Margie Barbour said *"Show of Hands have a devoted following and have played in Bridport three times, Miranda is an outstanding vocalist and we are thrilled that she is returning."*

Tickets are available from Bridport Arts Centre box office 01308 424204, costing £11, £10 for members, and £7 for concessions.

FOLK DUO | Rex Preston and Miranda Sykes play Bridport Arts Centre later this month

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Last Pharaoh lecture at Dorset County Museum

PHARAOH: King of Egypt, the current blockbuster exhibition at Dorset County Museum, has achieved record visitor numbers and much local and national acclaim since it opened in October last year.

Now is the last chance to come to a lecture relating to one of the themes in the exhibition.

On Thursday, January 19th at 7pm, Margaret Maitland of the British Museum will be talking on the subject of *Fallen Pharaohs: Egypt's Civil War and Cultural Renaissance.*

At the time of the pyramids, the pharaohs were considered to be all-powerful and divinely-appointed, but when the country fell into civil war, Egypt was forced to reassess the role of the king. Originally characterised as a dark age, the civil war may have actually fostered greater social mobility and literacy leading to a flourishing of great literature and art. These complex, nuanced works of poetry and sculpture depict the king for the first time not as a semi-divine warrior, but simply as a fallible, conflicted man. Although this era, the Middle Kingdom, is one of the least well-known periods of Egyptian history today, the Egyptians themselves viewed it as a Golden Age.

Margaret Maitland is Trainee Curator in Egyptology & Archaeology for the British Museum Future Curators Programme at Newcastle's Great North Museum: Hancock.

Tickets for the lecture cost £5 and are available now from the Museum Shop – please telephone 01305 756827 10am to 4pm, Monday to Saturday or email shop@dorsetcountymuseum.org. As the lecture is likely to prove popular, advance booking is advised.

The exhibition runs until Sunday, January 22nd when the Museum will be open all day to ensure as many people as possible can see it before it closes.

For more information please call 01305 262735.

Met Opera's Enchanted Island

TAKE the opportunity to come and view a screening of the MET Opera's extraordinary new work 'The Enchanted Island', a new baroque fantasy featuring the world's best singers, glorious music of the Baroque masters, and a story drawn from Shakespeare, at the Electric Palace on Monday, January 23rd.

The Enchanted Island has been inspired by the 18th-century tradition of operatic "pasticcios" (pastiches), in which new librettos were combined with music from various compositions to create entirely new theatrical pieces. The tradition was particularly popular in London, where Handel was a prominent practitioner. The score for The Enchanted Island comprises selections from a variety of Baroque operas, cantatas, and oratorios, many of which are rarely performed in contemporary opera houses.

Jeremy Sams has created an English-language libretto for this fantastical production that blends 18th-century theatrical techniques with advanced video projection designs. Eminent conductor William Christie leads an all-star cast including Plácido Domingo as Neptune.

In Sams's story, the bitter supernatural war between The Tempest's Prospero and his nemesis, the sorceress Sycorax, is interrupted by a quartet of unexpected island visitors: the four lovers from A Midsummer Night's Dream, whose honeymoon cruise has ended in a shipwreck. The ensuing conflicts and romantic entanglements also involve Prospero's daughter Miranda, Sycorax's monstrous son Caliban, the shipwrecked prince Ferdinand, the air spirit Ariel, and Neptune, king of the undersea world.

The Enchanted Island is being screened at The Electric Palace on Monday, 23rd January. Doors open at 5.30pm and the screening starts at 6pm. Tickets are £14.50 each, £12.50 for Electric Palace Members and £10 for children and are available from Bridport Tourist Information on 01308 424901.

Model Railway Exhibition at Beaminster Public Hall

THE Bridport & District Model Railway Club will be holding a model railway exhibition at the Public Hall, Fleet Street, Beaminster this Saturday (January 14th), opening at 10am and closing at 5pm.

The exhibition will have a large variety of layouts in many sizes for the general public to enjoy and there will be demonstrations on various topics including how to improve your models. In addition there will also be trade stands selling both new and second hand goods.

Tea, coffee, and light refreshments will be available throughout the day.

Poetry for Pleasure

by Frank McGarry

ALREADY, in this column, we have heard what the New York wit, Dorothy Parker, thought about men. In these two poems she ruminates about the canines she shared her life with. Don't we all wish we could have a dog's life?

TO MY DOG

I often wonder why on earth
You rate yourself so highly;
A shameless parasite from birth
You've lived the life of Reilly.
No claims to fame distinguish you;
Your talents are not many;
You're constantly unfaithful to
Your better self – if any.
Yet you believe, with faith profound,
The world revolves around you;
May I point out it staggered 'round
For centuries without you?

In beauty, you're convinced you lead,
While others only follow.
You think you look like Wallace Reid,
Or, at the least, Apollo.
The fatal charms with which you're blest,
You fancy, spell perfection;
The notion, may I not suggest,
Is open to correction?
An alien streak your tail betrays;
Your ears aren't what they would be;
Your mother was – forgive the phrase –
No better than she should be.

One can but feel your gaiety
Is somewhat over-hearty;
You take it on yourself to be
The life of every party.
In bearing, while no doubt sincere,
You're frankly too informal.
And mentally, I sometimes fear,
You're slightly under normal.
The least attention turns your brain,
Repressions slip their tether;
Pray spare your friends the nervous strain
And pull yourself together!

You take no thought for others' good
In all your daily dealings,
I ask you, as a mother would,
Where are your finer feelings?
I think I've seldom run across
A life so far from lawful;
Your manners are a total loss,
Your morals, something awful.
Perhaps you'll ask, as many do,
What I endure your thrall for?
'Twas ever thus – it's such as you
That women always fall for.

If your mind works like mine you will have smiled as you read that. And then – if your mind works like mine - you might have changed the title to the name of a friend or relation you know and then read the poem again with an even bigger smile on your face. Another dog – another poem.

VERSE FOR A CERTAIN DOG

Such glorious faith as fills your limpid eyes,
Dear little friend of mine, I never knew.
All-innocent are you, and yet all-wise.
(For Heaven's sake, stop worrying that shoe!)
You look about, and all you see is fair;
This mighty globe was made for you alone.
Of all the thunderous ages, you're the heir.
(Get off the pillow with that dirty bone!)

A skeptic world you face with steady gaze;
High in young pride you hold your noble head,
Gaily you meet the rush of roaring days.
(Must you eat puppy biscuit on the bed?)
Lancelike your courage, gleaming swift and strong,
Yours the white rapture of a wingèd soul,
Yours is a spirit like a Mayday song.
(God help you, if you break the goldfish bowl!)

"Whatever is, is good" - your gracious creed.
You wear your joy of living like a crown.
Love lights your simplest act, your every deed.
(Drop it, I tell you- put that kitten down!)
You are God's kindliest gift of all - a friend.
Your shining loyalty unflecked by doubt,
You ask but leave to follow to the end.
(Couldn't you wait until I took you out?)

● **If you have a short poem of your own that you would like to share with our readers please send it to: Poetry for Pleasure, Lyme Media & Events Ltd, St Michael's Business Centre, Lyme Regis, Dorset, DT7 3QF. Or e-mail it to us at: pemedia@pemedia.co.uk**

FUNNY FRIDAYS RETURN TO THE BRIDPORT ARTS CENTRE CAFÉ

COMEDY returns to the Bridport Arts Centre this month with the first of 2012's Comedy Cafe nights.

The popular cafe nights, hosted in the intimate Art Garden Cafe, boast seven comedians, for just £5, offering something for everyone's taste.

Headlining this month's gig will be the rich comic talents of Welshman Wes Packer. Wes followed in the footsteps of Lee Mack, Peter Kay and Dylan Moran by winning the 2006 *So You Think You're Funny?* Competition. With his star on the rise Wes appeared at the Montreal Comedy Festival, on ITV's Glee Time and Paramount Comedy's The World Stands Up before taking a two-year break from comedy in 2008.

Wes returned to comedy in 2011 and is now rapidly re-establishing himself on the national circuit, with the comedy cafe catching him just at the right time as he ascends to the top.

Joining Wes on the bill will be fellow Welsh funnyman Geraint Dafydd Evans. The young stand up natural is already following in the footsteps of the night's headliner having reached the latter stages of four major competitions.

Travelling from the capital for the gig will be London's Bob 'Walshy' Walsh. Having written jokes for many TV comics for years Bob is now a stellar comedian in his own right, supporting the likes of Russell Brand and appearing at famous venues such as The Comedy Store.

Completing the line up will be Sarah Iles, dubbed "the best female comedian on the circuit" by Exeter's Edge Comedy Club, Bridport's own Gary Ball who delighted audiences at the very first comedy cafe, and one more top act yet to be confirmed.

Resident MC Tom Glover will be hosting the night's proceedings, testing out his latest new material on the Bridport crowd.

"I know a lot of people will have been disappointed to miss out on Jack Dee tickets this month so why not come and give the comedy cafe a try instead?", said Tom.

"We don't have big TV names at the comedy cafe but for just £5 you get to hopefully see the stars of tomorrow as they make their ascent to the top. Already some of our acts from last year have started to appear on mainstream TV, with October's headliner Matt Richardson appearing on E4 over Christmas.

"Our headliner this month was just breaking into TV in 2008, now after a two-year break form comedy he has returned better than ever before and I promise you will be in for a treat if you come and see him."

The BAC Comedy Cafe will be at 8pm on Friday, January 27th. Tickets are £5 adults/£3 concessions and available from the arts centre box office on 01308 424204.

HEADLINER | Wes Packer, winner of the *'So You Think You're Funny?'* award in 2006

JUMBLE SALE
Saturday 14th January
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Get Together for Grandpa Banana

DIRECT from California, USA, Grandpa Banana appears at Charlton Down Village hall on Wednesday. February 1st.

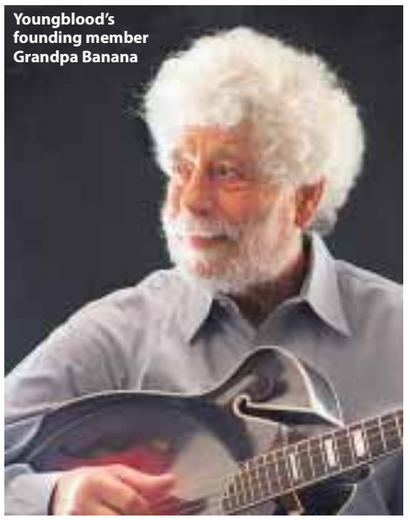
Banana was the founder member of the legendary San Francisco Bay area folk rock band The Youngbloods. The band's classic recording 'Get Together' sold over one million copies cracking the U.S. top 5 achieving gold record status in 1969. Get Together was later featured on the soundtrack in the film *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*. The Youngbloods disbanded in 1973, and Banana started a solo career performing his own brand of Californian roots Americana. This gig is part of an extensive European solo tour to showcase Banana's new album Even Grandpas Get The Blues. The album features guest appearances from world class musicians the likes of Ry Cooder, Barry "the Fish" Melton, and David Grisman.

Described as "One of the most notable of the unsung musicians" by The Marin Independant Journal, Grandpa Banana(real name Lowell Levinger) has been a major player in the legendary west coast psychedelic and bluegrass scene for over forty years. As well as performing in his own right Banana was accompanist to Mimi Farina (the sister of Joan Baez) for over twenty years, and also played keyboards for ten years with psychedelic band Zero, who's members included Steve Kimock who toured and recorded with members of the Grateful Dead. Banana also played with Norton Buffalo of the Steve Miller band, and also with Dan Hicks and his Hot Licks.

Grandpa Banana currently plays on a regular basis with Barry "The Fish" Melton founder member of Woodstock Festival legends Country Joe & The Fish in The Barry Melton Band and with The Michael Barclay Blues Band. He plays his beloved bluegrass music with friends and neighbours including The Papermill Creek Rounders, David, Tracy and Sam Grisman, The David Thom Band, Peter Rowan and the legendary Artie Rose and associates.

Banana was initially a bluegrass musician who apart from guitar and piano also plays banjo, mandolin, mandola and bass. He began his career on the east coast, in Boston playing bluegrass banjo in the local coffee houses of the early 60's being mentored by the likes of Bill Keith and The Charles River Valley Boys.

The show starts at 8pm with a short support appearance by local favourite Stompin' Dave Allen who has organised this event. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets are £10 vailable from Dave's website www.stompinstore.com or from Dorchester TIC (01305) 267992



Youngblood's founding member Grandpa Banana

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THIS WEEK'S NEW RELEASES

WAR HORSE [12A]
YOUNG Albert Narractott (Jeremy Irvine) enlists to service in WWI after his beloved horse, Joey, is sold to the cavalry. Albert's hopeful journey takes him out of England and across Europe as the war rages on.
Dramatic war story, directed by Steven Spielberg and also starring Peter Mullan, Emily Watson and Benedict Cumberbatch.

MARGIN CALL [15]
THRILLER Margin Call revolves around the key people at an investment bank over a 24-hour period during the early stages of the financial crisis.
All-star cast includes Kevin Spacey, Paul Bettany, Jeremy Irons, Simon Baker and Demi Moore.

THE DARKEST HOUR [12A]
IN Moscow, five young people lead the charge against an alien race who have attacked Earth via our power supply.
Emile Hirtsch, Olivia Thirlby and Max Minghella star in the sci-fi action

SHAME [18]
IN New York City, Brandon's (Michael Fassbender) carefully cultivated private life -- which allows him to indulge his addiction -- is disrupted when his sister Cissy (Carey Mulligan) arrives unannounced for an indefinite stay.

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Plus Sat & Sun: 12.10
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Plus Sun: 11.00am
Wed & thu: 14.00, 17.00, 20.00
Sherlock Holmes: A Game Of Shadows [12A]
Daily: 14.15, 17.15, 20.15
Plus Sat & Sun: 11.15am
Girl With The Dragon Tattoo [18]
Daily: 16.30, 19.50,
plus Sat & Sun: 13.10
Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked [U]
Fri, Mon-Thu: 16.10
Sat: 13.50, 16.10
Sun: 11.30, 13.50, 16.10
Haywire [15]
Wed & Thu: 14.00, 16.20, 18.40, 21.00
War Horse [12A]
Daily: 14.10, 16.20, 17.20, 19.30, 20.30
Plus Sat & Sun: 11.00, 13.10
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Daily: 14.40
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Fri-Tue: 14.00, 16.20, 18.40
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Sat & Sun: 10.00am
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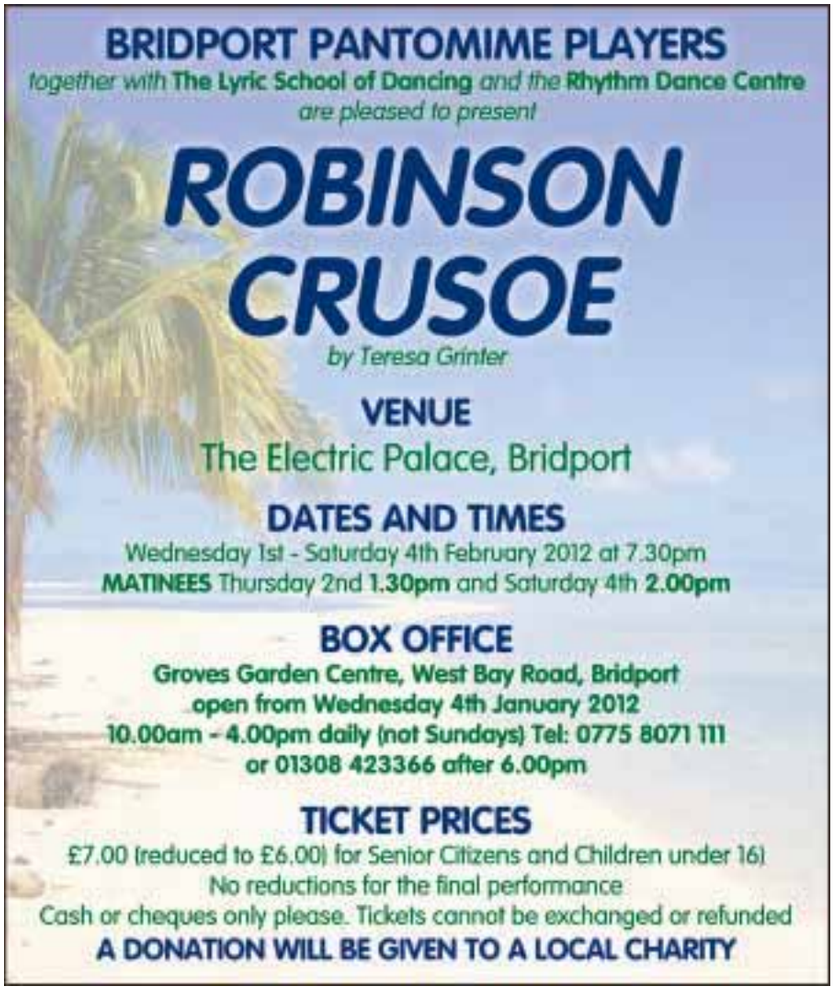
The Deep Blue Sea
Thursday 12th January: 13.30, 19.30
We Need To Talk About Kevin
Sunday 22nd January: 15.00
Thursday 26th January: 13.30, 19.30
Melancholia
Thursday 2nd & 9th February: 13.30, 19.30
Sunday 5th February: 15.00
We Have A Pope
Thursday 16th February: 13.30, 19.30
Sunday 19th February: 13.30, 19.30

Tickets cost £7, £5 for members & Concs

SAIL AWAY WITH BRIDPORT PANTOMIME PLAYERS

IT'S that time of year again - oh yes it is!
Bridport Pantomime Players are once again taking to the stage with their annual pantomime. Why not leave the cold of winter behind, and sail away with Robinson Crusoe in search for hidden treasure on a tropical island. Just think of all that sunshine and warmth you could enjoy.
Their fun packed pantomime is as usual suitable for all members of the family from the youngest to the oldest, and this year's script is written by Teresa Grinter, who has taken part in many a pantomime.
Teresa is the eponymous Principal Boy, setting sail on the Saucy Sal with Dame Dolly Crusoe (Anthony Steventon), Captain Perkins (Steve Light) and his daughter Poll (Amy Day). Jim Lad (Jess Ives) joins the crew, as do a couple of unsavoury stowaway characters; Blackjac the Pirate (Steve Travers), and his sidekick Wally Whatever (Sue Farrant). Both Anthony Steventon and Steve Travers are welcome newcomers to the Players. Nothing runs smoothly, and Blackjack enlists the help of Storm (Sarah Light) to shipwreck the Saucy Sal, after which everyone ends up in the Locker of Davy Jones (John Day). Robinson and his entourage are transported to Walla-Walla-Bing-Bang, a tropical island inhabited by all sorts of characters from Man Friday (Tracy Caden) to the Witch Doctor (Julia Prior). There's also Queen Whotsit (Amy Wheatley) a past member of the Players making a welcome return, and her man eating daughter Tallulah (Helen Light). Making sure good conquers evil throughout is Fairy Rainbow (Emily Deer) and of course the Chorus with their song and dance routines.
Robinson Crusoe is at the Electric Palace, from Wednesday, February 1st to Saturday 4th, with a matinee on the Thursday at 1.30pm and Saturday at 2.00pm. The Players extend their thanks to Groves Garden Centre where their Box Office will be open from Wednesday, January 4th from 10am-4pm daily (except Sundays). Telephone 0775 8071 111 to book tickets, and after 6pm please call Pamela Rose Pitcher on 01308 423366.
Ticket prices are the same as last year - that's one thing that hasn't gone up!
So why not have a family outing? Mums, Dads, Aunties, Uncles, Grannies, Grandads, and of course the children - pantomime is often their first visit to the theatre, and what could be more fun than booing and hissing at the baddies, and cheering and clapping at the goodies?!

BRIDPORT PANTOMIME PLAYERS
The cast of Robinson Crusoe



IN THE DEEP | Tom Hiddleston and Rachel Weisz in The Deep Blue Sea

Terence Rattigan's The Deep Blue Sea at Bridport Arts Centre

HESTER Collyer (Academy Award winner Rachel Weisz) leads a privileged life in 1950s London as the beautiful wife of high court judge Sir William Collyer (Simon Russell Beale). To the shock of those around her, she walks out on her marriage to move in with young ex-RAF pilot, Freddie Page (Tom Hiddleston), with whom she has fallen passionately in love. Set in post-war Britain, this adaptation of Terence Rattigan's classic play, *The Deep Blue Sea* is a study of forbidden love, suppressed desire, and the fear of loneliness – but is at heart a deeply moving love story. Stuck between the devil and the deep blue sea, what - or whom - should Hester choose?

'Rattigan's work is a sustained assault on English middle-class values; fear of emotional commitment, terror in the face of passion, apprehension about sex. Few dramatists have written with more understanding about the human heart' - Michael Billington

The screenings of The Deep Blue Sea takes place at Bridport Arts Centre on January 12th, at 1.30pm and 7.30pm. Tickets cost £6, and £5 for members and concessions. To book call the box office on 01308 424204.

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The Deep Blue Sea
12 January, 1.30pm & 7.30pm
Set in post-war Britain, this adaptation of Terence Rattigan's classic play, The Deep Blue Sea is a study of forbidden love, suppressed desire, and the fear of loneliness – but is at heart a deeply moving love story.

We Need To Talk About Kevin
Sunday 22 January, 3pm
Thursday 26 January, 1.30pm & 7.30pm
The relationship between mother and son is difficult from the very first years. When Kevin is 15, he does something irrational and unforgivable in the eyes of the community.

Melancholia
Thursday 2 & 9 February, 1.30pm & 7.30pm
Sunday 5 February, 3pm
A beautiful movie about the end of the world. Lars von Trier, assembles a glittering Hollywood cast in his beautifully shot apocalyptic disaster movie.

We Have A Pope
Thursday 16 February, 1.30pm & 7.30 pm
Sunday 19 February, 1.30pm
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. All measured out like a good road (8)
5. Part of a tree used as a bow (4)
9. None of it is good, it's said (4)
10. A sign that the commanding officer's in prison perhaps (8)
11. Not qualified to speak (5)
12. Frank article written by G.B. Shaw (7)
13. Just one of twenty-four today (9,4)
18. Basically, it's intended to make one's pile last longer (8)
19. A slight mark on the music? (4)
20. Chided a debater, perhaps (7)
21. Tried to get well? (5)
22. Bird to perform repeatedly (4)
23. He doesn't like to strike (8)

Down

2. His choice will get cross! (7)
3. Results of questionable actions? (7)
4. I cleaned a copy - it could be a valuable book (13)
6. One gets four or six in the test, but it's unimportant (7)
7. Permission to give the fellow an appointment (7)
8. Smoothed out on board, perhaps (6)
13. Beaten by one particular suit? (7)
14. Arranged, but not voluntarily (7)
15. Elf makes random trips over the East (6)
16. Stop knitting and prepare for sea (4,3)
17. Theirs is an exacting business (7)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Rapturous (8)
5. Praise (4)
9. Support (4)
10. Gets (8)
11. Unspoken (5)
12. Signal (7)
13. Without a delegate (13)
18. Shrink (8)
19. Legend (4)
20. Feeling (7)
21. Monstrosity (5)
22. Standard (4)
23. Control (8)

Down

2. Sure (7)
3. Upper part (3-4)
4. White heat (13)
6. Tumbler (7)
7. Go down (7)
8. Delicate (6)
13. Dirty (7)
14. Spite (7)
15. Let (6)
16. Figure (7)
17. Derive (7)

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Assent; 4 Combat; 9 Divorce decree; 10 Correct; 11 Emits; 12 Fives; 14 Stage; 18 Tiler; 19 Diocese; 21 Breach of faith; 22 Easier; 23 Elders. Down: 1 Addict; 2 Severe illness; 3 Nurse; 5 Overeat; 6 Burning desire; 7 Theist; 8 Heats; 13 Earache; 15 Stable; 16 Add on; 17 Meshes; 20 Offal. QUICK - Across: 1 Duress; 4 Abduct; 9 Secret Service; 10 Omitted; 11 Inter; 12 Pitch; 14 Charm; 18 Trail; 19 Extrude; 21 Prime Minister; 22 Denote; 23 Pledge. Down: 1 Despot; 2 Recrimination; 3 Sweet; 5 Burnish; 6 Uninterrupted; 7 Theory; 8 Aside; 13 Collect; 15 Stupid; 16 Peril; 17 Degree; 20 Trial.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: The letter represented by the question mark is P. Syphony, arpeggio, rhapsody, all musical terms.

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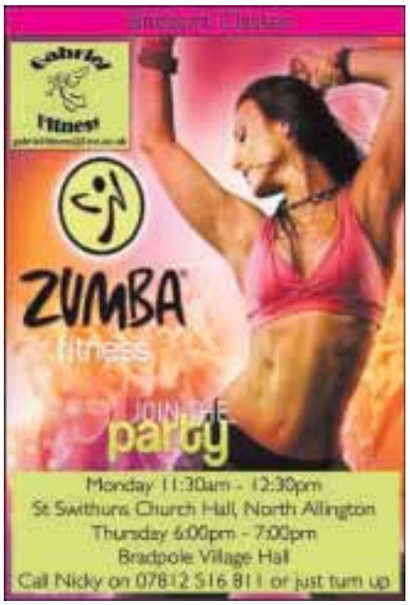

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FRIDAY
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Charlotte is also running a special personal training offer: 10 personal training sessions PLUS Health & Fitness Assessment for £250 (USUALLY £330) to redeem this offer please email/ring Charlotte and quote **VIEW112**. KICK START THE WEIGHT LOSS WITH A PERSONAL TRAINER!!

Charlotte is an advanced personal trainer and pilates Instructor as well as an aloe vera specialist, She is launching a new class timetable to start in the new year, this timetable includes small group Pilates classes, ZUMBA (Bridport & Beaminster), and a revolutionary Weight Loss Class which people can attend for FREE!!!! Charlotte aims to offer a friendly and personal service to the people of Bridport and the surrounding area.

For more information please contact Charlotte on 07743231140 or 01308 456971, or alternatively you can email her at info@ckm-fitness-wellbeing.co.uk or visit the website www.ckmfitness-wellbeing.co.uk

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View 2 Diary Dates

THURSDAY JANUARY 12TH

BRIDPORT: 'Three Days Late' Ceilidh Club at the British Legion Hall, Victoria Grove, 7.30pm for 7.45pm start. All welcome, partners not essential. Telephone 01308 423442 for more details.

FRIDAY JANUARY 13TH

BRIDPORT: Healing at the Diamond Doorway, 54 South Street. 10-12pm. Every Friday morning. For more details call 01308 425365 or 459438.

DORCHESTER: Plant Heritage Dorset Group: 'Some of My Favourite Things', an illustrated talk by plantsman Tim Hooker on interesting plants and other thing seen on his foreign travels. At 7.30pm at the Conferrnece Room Kingston Maurward College. Preceded by the Group's AGM at 7pm. Visitors welcome (£2.50 at the door.) Details on 01305 772533.

SATURDAY JANUARY 14TH

LYME REGIS: Uplyme Morris will perform traditional wassailing and other dances at the Museum Square at 3pm to ensure a good apple crop in the coming year. Followed at 3.30pm (ish) by the FIRST performance of MUMMER'S THE WORD a revival of the mumming tradition in Lyme Regis, last seen in 1918/19. Free to attend, it'll be a promenade performance taking in 3 locations in the old town. Written and directed by Harry Ford, the play will give the audience opportunity to gasp at the heroics of Sir George, tremble at the ghastliness of the Woodworser, boo! the underhand tactics of Sir Apricock (the dastardly tea-drinking Turkish knight) and swoon at the beauty of fair Sabra, the spirited Gyptian Princess. It concludes at St Michael's Church and is suitable for all the family, but the tradition includes elements that may startle the fainthearted (be prepared for one or two savage masks and eerie scenes). There will be mulled ale made to an authentic local recipe to finish, but make do make sure everyone wraps up warm. For further information contact Harry Ford on 07527821809 or by email: fordishly@gmail.com.

BRIDPORT: Orchestral Open Day from 1000am to 1.00pm at the Christian Fellowship Hall, East Street car park.Bridport. For players of all ages and standards.No charge. Performance for parents at 12-30. Bring lunch and discuss future developments.Organised by West Dorset Music in partnership with Strawberrymusic. Download registration form at www.strawberry-music.com

BEAMINSTER: Model Railway Exhibition at the Public Hall, Fleet Street (DT8 3EF) from 10am-5pm. Many layouts in various scales, demonstrations and trade stands. Light refreshments available during the day.

BRADPOLE: Prize Bingo at the Bradpole Social Club. Doors open 7.15pm, eyes down at 8pm.

UPLYME: Jumble Sale at Uplyme Village Hall in aid of 1st Lym Valley Scout Grouo from 2pm. Telephone 01297 678 351 for more details.

MONDAY JANUARY 16TH

BRIDPORT: Folk Dancing Club at 7.30-9.30 pm in the WI Hall, North Street , Bridport. Enjoy folk dancing mainly in the English tradition from Playford-style to modern-day compositions, with guest and club callers, recorded music and occasional live bands. No partner or previous experience required. Admission £2. Contact Mike on 01308 863 552 or Sue on 01308 458 165.

TUESDAY JANUARY 17TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Art Group meeting at 2pm in the Woodmead Halls. Demonstration of Shin Han Watercolour entitled 'Fantasy Faces" by Sharon Hurst. All visitors welcome.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18TH

FRAMPTON: Dorset Archaeology: from Stone Age to Dark Age with Chris Tripp. At Frampton Village Hall from 7-9pm. 10 weeks @ £8 per person per person per session. 2 site visits plus coffee/tea & nibbles included. For more details call or text 0776 869 51 62.

FRIDAY JANUARY 20TH

BRIDPORT: Healing at the Diamond Doorway, 54 South Street. 10-12pm. Every Friday morning. For more details call 01308 425365 or 459438.

WEYMOUTH: U3A January Meeting. Luke Phillips from RSPB at Radipole will be giving a talk on developments at the site. From 10am at the Salvation Army Citadel. Telephone 01305 767584.

BROADMAYNE: Market from 2 - 3.30pm, at St Martin's Community Hall (Next to the Church). Raffle, craft, plants, books, Jigsaws, Cards, Local lamb, sausages & eggs,Local Watercress, cakes and preserves and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds for St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Eleanor Piper 01305 853765.

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club - John Foulkes will give a presentation on the Arctic, and judging of the competition 'Kitchen', at Woodmead Halls from 7.30pm. Telephone 01297 444733 for more details.

BRIDPORT: Fiddle and Banjo Concert at The Electric Palace. Old-time music concert featuring Stompin' Dave & Edward Bennett plus Kate Lissauer and also The Gollywhoppers. Doors 7.15pm, starts 8pm adv tickets £10, on the door £12 available from: Bridport TIC 01308 424901, Bridport Music 01308 425707. Online tickets from www.stompinstore.com

SATURDAY JANUARY 21ST

BOTHENHAMPTON: Film: 'Mao's Last Dancer' at Bothenhampton Village Hall. Doors open 7pm, film from 7.30pm. Tickets cost £4 for members, £5 for everyone else. Available on the door. Telephone 01308 423071 for more details.

SUNDAY JANUARY 22ND

BRIDPORT: SW Dorset LETS Lunch at St. Mary's Church Hall 12.30 for 1pm. Local Exchange Trading System. All welcome. Please contact Davina 01297 560014 for more details.

TUESDAY JANUARY 24TH

BEAMINSTER: 'Horn Park Quarry: Fossils & Future' Talk by Sam Scriven, Dorset CC Jurassic Coast Geologist from 3.30pm at Beaminster Museum, Whitcombe Rd. Admission £2.50

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25TH

UPLYME: Talk: 'Care and Management of Trees and Shrubs" (including pruning and tool care) by David Usher. At Uplyme Village Hall from 7.30pm. Organised by Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society, members free, non-members £2. For more details call 01297 444034.

BRIDPORT: 'Iceland and Greenland' introduced by local traveller, photographer and raconteur David Barnikel. Organised by Friends of Bridport Museum. At St John Hall, Rax Lane from 2.30pm. £4 for members, £4.50 for guests. All welcome. Refreshments available. For more details call 01308 458703 or 459039.

THURSDAY JANUARY 26TH

BRIDPORT: Would you like to have the opportunity to use a range of art materials in whatever way you like, in a supportive environment? No experience necessary. Come to 'The Front Room', 5, Downes St, Bridport, DT6 3JR Every Thursday 10am until 12noon. Starts January 26th 2012 .£5 per individual (includes use of materials).For further details and to book a place, please call 07932563147

FRIDAY JANUARY 27TH

BRIDPORT: Healing at the Diamond Doorway, 54 South Street. 10-12pm. Every Friday morning. For more details call 01308 425365 or 459438.

SATURDAY JANUARY 28TH

AXMINSTER: "LETS Get Together for Coffee & Tea" at the Arts Cafe, Axminster 10.30am to 12noon. Come & find out & meet with friends. Local Exchange Trading System. Contact Davina 01297 560014 for more details.

UPLYME: Barn Dance with Long Odds and Shorts Straws Band at Uplyme Village Hall, 7.30-11pm. Tickets £8 (under 12s £4) including Ploughman's supper available from Uplyme Stores, Serendip Bookshop (Lyme Regis) or call 01297 444034. BYO alcoholo, soft drinks on sale. Organised by Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society.

BRADPOLE: Live music at the Bradpole Social Club with the ever popular group 'Let Me Out'. Doors open 7.30pm, members and guests welcome. Over 18s only.

SUNDAY JANUARY 29TH

LYME REGIS: SW Dorset LETS Tea & Trading Event in Lyme Regis. Hallet Court Hall at 1.30pm to 5pm. Local Exchange Trading System. Contact Davina 01297 560014 for more details.

BRIDPORT: Thai Foot Massage Workshop at the Diamond Doorway, South Street. 10-4pm. Costs £35. For more details visit www.holistictherapies2.co.uk or call 07974826891.

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MONDAY JANUARY 30TH

BRIDPORT: 'Donkey Sanctuary - 40 Years On' An Illustrated Talk by Dean Hancock, Visitor Facilities Manager, The Donkey Sanctuary, Sidmouth
A Golden Cap Centre Presentation.2.30pm, United Church Hall, East Street, Bridport,
Members of the public welcome. Admission £3

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Film raises debate about bullying in West Dorset

LOCAL community group Autonomy Films will be showing North Country, a film about workplace bullying, in Bridport on Sunday January 15.

North Country (15) is a US-made film that is based on a true story about sexual harassment in the workplace, but the group hopes it will raise a constructive debate about how to tackle the wider problem of bullying in Dorset.

A recent survey indicates that 26% of Dorset school pupils have experienced bullying. In December a report highlighted the extent of domestic violence even among the elderly in the UK. In the workplace, bullying has reached epidemic proportions nationally, with court cases prompting compensation payments of up to £1m in the last few years. Many cases end not in court but in school refusal, sick leave, depression and even suicide.

Bullies often emerge in school, and grow into an adult culture that routinely picks on women, gays, non-white people and those who have disabilities or are 'outsiders' in any way.

North Country tells the story of Josie (Charlize Theron), who flees a violent marriage and returns to her home town in North Minnesota where she takes what is seen as a 'man's job' in an opencast mine. She and her female colleagues suffer routine harassment, and the intimidation gets worse when she stands up to it. The true story behind the film finally led to a landmark law suit and the first US legislation against sexual harassment.

The film looks at the issues raised by bullying and shows that sometimes justice can be won.

North Country will be shown at the St John's Ambulance Hall, Rax Lane, Bridport, on Sunday January 15 (7pm for 7.30 start). Entrance is £3 (less if you cannot afford it) and there will be refreshments and a debate.

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Four bedroom detached chalet bungalow with one bedroom annexe

UPHAY is a very well presented four bedroom detached bungalow with a one bedroom annexe, which would be ideal for holiday letting or long term let. It is situated in a quiet and popular residential area of the town with close access to the riverside walk which leads into the centre of town.

Main bungalow accommodation comprises: entrance porch, entrance hall, living room, four bedrooms, shower room, kitchen/dining room and bathroom.

The annexe accommodation comprises: living room/kitchen, bedroom and bathroom.

There is a good size front garden consisting of lawns, shrubs, trees and borders. Paved patio area with further garden to the side currently used as a vegetable patch. Two timber framed sheds.

The garage with electronic up-and-over- door, hot and cold water supply, electric point and light. There is also an inspection pit. The garage could be used as a workshop.

This detached bungalow is on the market for £379,950. For more information please contact Palmer Snell Lyme Regis Branch on 01297 443556.

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PYMORE, BRIDPORT - £249,950

A GRADE II listed stone cottage retaining much of it's character features including brick fireplace, flagstone floors as well as having good ceiling heights and pleasant outlook to the front across the road from farmland and a good size garden to the rear.

Accommodation comprises of, ground floor: entrance porch, attractive sitting room with flagstone floors and feature fireplace with log burning stove, inner hall, kitchen with a range of pine cupboards and drawers and a dining room with a tiled floor. First floor: first floor landing, first bedroom with a wardrobe cupboard, bathroom with white suite comprising panelled bath, wash hand basin, low level wc and a shower cubicle. Second floor: second bedroom.

Outside this cottage has a small front garden with parking for two cars to the front. A good size rear enclosed garden, gravelled patio seating area which in turn leads to well stocked kitchen garden with raised beds, flower borders, aluminium framed greenhouse and useful timber shed and a path to the rear of the property gives pedestrian access back around to the front.

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BEAMINSTER - £185,000

NUMBER 12 St Mary Well Street is a Grade II Listed period cottage believed to have been built in the early 19th Century. Built of local stone and under a tiled roof, the cottage is situated in a desirable no through street of similar period properties.

The sitting room and dining area are double aspect and open-plan and the kitchen has a door to the garden. The bathroom is on the ground floor and the larger of the two bedrooms is a double.

Outside there is a pretty cottage style terraced garden with glimpses of the church tower and free street parking located to the front. The cottage is for sale with no onward chain.

Accommodation includes: Sitting Room with Dining Area – Kitchen – Ground Floor Bathroom – Two Bedrooms – Enclosed Terraced Rear Garden – Stone Built Garden Store Street Parking – No Onward Chain

The asking price for 12 St Mary Well Street is £185 000. To receive particulars or to arrange a viewing please contact Elder & Froy at our Beaminster office on 01308 862606. To view the full sale particulars and floor plans please go to www.elderfroy.co.uk.

MAIDEN NEWTON - £350,000

NO attention to detail has been spared on the renovation of this extended four bedroom chalet bungalow in the heart of a village packed with an array of amenities.

The property briefly comprises 2 double ground floor bedrooms one of which is currently used as a 2nd sitting room, superb kitchen dining room with granite worktops, luxury family bathroom and sitting room opening onto the garden. Upstairs a generous master bedroom with stunning en suite wet room and fourth bedroom.

Outside there is plentiful off street parking on a paved forecourt and the enclosed rear garden enjoys a raised terrace, lawned areas, large studio and storage shed.

Maiden Newton lies approximately 10 miles north west of Dorchester and enjoys the facilities of a large Doctors Surgery, Church, Railway Station, various shops, a cafe, restaurant and petrol station along with an active village hall.

For more information please call Bartle Pye Estate Agents on 01305 230 477 or visit www.bartlepyehomes.co.uk

UPLYME - £365,000

BEECH House a well presented detached cottage believed to have been built in 1913 is situated on the outskirts of the popular village of Uplyme.

The well presented accommodation briefly comprises; entrance hall, lounge with open fireplace and French doors to double glazed conservatory, separate dining room, kitchen / breakfast room, cloakroom and utility cupboard. On the first floor there are three bedrooms and a family bathroom. There is double glazing and gas central heating throughout.

The enclosed and private gardens comprise raised lawn with access to parking, side and rear courtyards with well and patio area.

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- 2 bedroom/2 bathroom flat
- Sea & town views
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Lyme Regis
- Ground floor 2 bed flat
- Warden assisted
- Over 55 accommodation
- Parking
- No chain

£124,950

Lyme Regis

£399,950

- 4 bedroom detached chalet bungalow
- Further 1 bedroom annexe
- Cul de sac location
- Parking
- No onward chain

Lyme Regis

OIEO £149,950

- 2 bedroom house
- Garden & parking
- No onward chain
- Shared equity

Uplyme
- 2 bedroom flat
- First floor
- Many original features
- Communal garden and parking
- No chain

£165,000

Axminster

£450,000

- 4 bedroom detached house
- 0.45 acre plot
- Far reaching views
- Ample parking
- Viewing recommended

Lyme Regis
- 2 bedroom chalet
- Well appointed
- Open plan lounge/diner
- Outside seating area
- No chain

£149,950

Fernhill

£122,500

- 1 bedroom detached bungalow
- Garden & parking
- Investment potential
- No chain

Lyme Regis
- 2 bedroom flat
- Ground floor
- Parking
- Communal gardens
- No chain

£239,950

Uplyme

£199,500

- 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom flat
- Well presented
- Parking
- Communal Garden

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Bridport

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Bridport

£190,000

- 3 bedroom semi detached cottage
- Grade II listed
- Flagstone floors & wood burning stove
- Walking distance to Bridport town centre

Bridport
- 3 bedroom terraced house
- Reception room
- Conservatory
- Garage
- Views

£170,000

Pymore

£249,950

- Grade II listed 3 bedroom stone cottage
- Brick fireplace, flagstone floors
- Sitting room & dining room
- Countryside views
- Good size garden

Crewkerne

£150,000

- Three bedroom terraced house
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Landscaped garden
- Price Reduced

Bridport
- 2 bedroom detached bungalow
- Well presented
- Landscaped gardens
- Ample parking
- Secluded location

£295,000

Bridport

£220,000

- 2 bedroom semi detached bungalow
- Double glazing
- Cul de sac location
- Driveway parking & garage
- Low maintenance rear garden

Bridport
- First floor apartment
- 1 double & 1 single bedroom
- Well presented throughout
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing

£109,950

Bridport

£225,000

- 2 bedroom semi detached bungalow
- Immaculately presented
- Landscaped gardens
- Off road parking

Bridport
- Grade II listed period property
- 3 bedroom, kitchen/diner
- Rear courtyard & garden to front
- Walking distance to town centre
- Similar properties required

SOLD / SSTC

Bridport
- 2 bedroom terraced property
- Utility room
- Flagstone floors
- Enclosed private garden
- Close to amenities

£160,000

Bridport
- 3 bedroom semi detached
- Character stone cottage
- Car port
- Courtyard garden
- Views to Colmers Hill

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The village offers a good range of facilities including a primary school, pub, shop/post office and church.

The accommodation is spacious and well proportioned and the property also benefits from double glazing and oil central heating. On the ground floor there is the entrance hall, cloakroom, sitting room, dining area, kitchen and conservatory. On the first floor there are four bedrooms, two doubles and two singles, and a bathroom.

Outside there is an enclosed low maintenance garden, off road parking and a single garage.

The property is available immediately for £795 per calendar month. To arrange a viewing please telephone 01308 459565, or more details can be downloaded via www.symondsandsampson.co.uk

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SALWAY ASH £149,950

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- Terraced House
- Living Room
- Conservatory
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Enclosed Garden
- Garage

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- Two Bedroom
- Two Reception Room
- Attached Cottage
- Situated In South Street
- Ideal Buy To Let
- Or Holiday Cottage
- No Onward Chain

ROUSDON £349,950

- Link Detached Family Home
- Four Bedrooms
- Sitting And Dining Room
- Study
- Utility Room
- En Suite Master Bedroom
- Garage And Parking
- Walled Rear Garden

HASELBURY PLUCKNETT £550,000

- Five Bedroom
- Detached Family Home
- Four Reception Rooms
- Two En Suites
- Garage And Carport
- Approx 1/2 Acre Paddock Gardens
- Viewing Advised

BRIDPORT £775 PCM

A three bedroom family home consisting of a living room, dining area, conservatory, kitchen and bathroom. Outside there is a garden and garage. Newly redecorated and carpeted. Available start February UF

LITTON CHENEY £695 PCM

An end terraced thatched cottage in a sought after village, comprising of entrance hall, lounge, bathroom, kitchen, two bedrooms, garden and parking. Available Now – UF

BRIDPORT £1250 PCM

A very well presented detached property in sought after cul-de-sac, comprising, entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, conservatory, four bedrooms with master en-suite, bathroom, gardens surrounding with gardener and parking for several cars. Available Now - UF

BRIDPORT £795 PCM

A semi-detached property close to the town and near by schools comprising - Entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, lounge/diner, conservatory, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, gardens and parking. Available January – UF

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LYME REGIS - £457,500

Hallway - Lounge - Kitchen/Diner - Master Bedroom With Ensuite - Three Further Bedrooms - Bathroom - Rear Lobby - Garage - Workshop - Parking - Gardens - Sea Views

UPLYME - £750,000

Reception hallway - Cloakroom/shower room - Lounge with fireplace - Family kitchen/dining room - Conservatory - Ground floor bedroom four - Study - Master bedroom with en-suite - Guest bedroom with en-suite - Further double bedroom - Family bathroom - 2 garages - Boiler/cloakroom - Large garden - Swimming pool

UPLYME - £365,000

Entrance Hall - Lounge - Conservatory - Dining Room - Kitchen/Breakfast Room - Rear Lobby - Cloakroom - Utility Cupboard - Three Bedrooms - Bathroom - Garden - Parking - Gfch - Upvc Double Glazing - No Chain.

LYME REGIS - £285,000

- Entrance Hall - Lounge - Kitchen

- Three Bedrooms - Bathroom - Separate Wc

- Single Garage - Garden With Sun Terrace

LYME REGIS - £579,000

Established Bed & Breakfast - 7 letting rooms - Close to town - Large car park - Generous owners accommodation - Well maintained – Views

CHARDSTOCK - £495,000

Living Room - Conservatory - Dining Room - Kitchen/Breakfast Room - Utility Room - Master Bedroom - Two Further Bedrooms - Family Bathroom - Study - Self Contained Annexe.

LYME REGIS - £219,950

Entrance Hall - Lounge - Kitchen/Dining Room - 3 Bedrooms - Shower Room - Upvc Double Glazing - Gas Central Heating - Parking For 2 Cars - Garden

LYME REGIS - £249,950

Hallway - lounge - open plan kitchen / dining room - two ground floor bedrooms - family bathroom - study area - first floor bedroom - front and rear gardens - garage.

LYME REGIS - £550,000

Entrance Porch & Hallway - Lounge - Dining Area - Kitchen/Breakfast Room - Master Bedroom With Ensuite & Dressing Room - Bathroom - Two Further Bedrooms - Study/Bedroom Four - Integral Double Garage - Parking - Sea Views - Gardens - Requires Some Updating.

UPLYME - £315,000

Hallway - Dining Room - Kitchen - Living Room - Sun Room - Wc - Master Bedroom With Ensuite Shower Room - Two Further Bedrooms - Bathroom - Parking - Garden.

AXMINSTER - £325,000

Entrance Porch - Reception Hallway - Cloakroom - Lounge - Kitchen - Dining Room - Utility Room - Ground Floor Bedroom - Ground Floor Bathroom - Master Bedroom With Ensuite Shower Room - Further Bedroom With Dressing Room/Study - Detached Garage/Workshop - Gardens - Parking.

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CHARMOUTH - £395,000

NEW

A spacious, detached, four-bedroom house conveniently situated in the lower part of the village, offering ease of access to the village shops and the beach.

CHARMOUTH - £495,000

SEA VIEWS

MAGNIFICENT COASTAL VIEWS across LYME BAY towards PORTLAND. Deceptively spacious three bedroom detached bungalow in a quite location on the western side of Charmouth.

WEST BEXINGTON - £485,000

SEA VIEWS

A three bedroom, two bathroom, detached bungalow, occupying an elevated position in the COASTAL hamlet of West Bexington. SEA views across LYME BAY and along CHESIL BEACH.

CHARMOUTH - £74,950

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Immaculate One double bed second floor flat in the village centre with parking and communal gardens

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SEA VIEWS

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En-Suite – Off-Road Parking - Single Garage
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BEAMINSTER £399 950
SPACIOUS DETACHED HOUSE
Two Receptions – Conservatory
Cloakroom – Three Double Bedrooms
Double Garage – Ample Parking
Large Walled Garden
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MOSTERTON £240 000
WELL PRESENTED BUNGALOW
Entrance Hall – One/Two Receptions
Kitchen – Cloakroom – Two/Three
Bedrooms – Modernised Bathroom
Driveway – Garage – No Onward Chain
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POUNDBURY £395 000
HIGH SPEC RENOVATION
Two Receptions
Kitchen/Dining Room
Three Double Bedrooms
Two En-Suites
Cloakroom with Shower
Gated Driveway
Double Garage
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CHEDINGTON £265 000
CONVERSION IN POPULAR VILLAGE
Porch and Hall – Two Reception Rooms
Kitchen/Breakfast Room – Cloakroom
Two Double Bedrooms – Terraced Garden
Parking – Single Garage
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BEAMINSTER £65 000
FIRST FLOOR RETIRMENT FLAT
Entrance Hall – Sitting/Dining Room
Kitchen – Two Bedrooms – Bathroom
Communal Garden – Parking
Warden Assisted - No Onward Chain
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CATTISTOCK £284 995
DETACHED IN VILLAGE LOCATION
Sitting Room/Dining Area - Kitchen/
Breakfast/Utility Room – Shower Room
Three Double Bedrooms – Study/Box Room
Garage/Workshop – No Onward Chain
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CERNE ABBAS £650 PCM
TWO BEDROOM BUNGALOW
Sitting/Dining Room – Kitchen
New Conservatory – Sun Room
Enclosed Garden – Single Garage
Oil-Fired Central Heating
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BEAMINSTER £595 PCM
MODERN MID TERRACE HOUSE
Entrance Hall – Sitting Room with Dining
Area – Kitchen – Two Double Bedrooms
Bathroom – Parking for Two Vehicles
Enclosed Garden – UF
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STURMINSTER NEWTON £2500 PCM
SUBSTANTIAL PERIOD HOUSE
Four Receptions – Kitchen/Breakfast
Utility – Cloakroom – Six Bedrooms
Three Bathrooms – One Bed Annexe
Large Gardens – Double Carport
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BRIDPORT £800 PCM
MODERN SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE
Entrance Hall – Sitting Room – Kitchen
Conservatory – Cloakroom – Three
Bedrooms – Bathroom – Driveway
Single Garage – Enclosed Garden
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BROADWINDSOR £675 PCM
RURAL DETACHED BUNGALOW
Sitting Room with Dining Area and
Woodburner – Kitchen – Two Double
Bedrooms – Study/Dressing Area
Bathroom – Driveway – Gardens
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STRATTON £730 PCM
TWO BEDROOM TERRACE
Kitchen/Diner – Sitting Room
Two Double Bedrooms
Gas Central Heating
Enclosed Garden – Garage
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DORCHESTER £1000 PCM
ELEGANT FOUR BEDROOM HOUSE
Sitting Room - Kitchen/Breakfast Room
Cloakroom - En-Suite
Courtyard Garden
Allocated Parking
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POUNDBURY £850 PCM
REFURBISHED THREE BED
Sitting Room – Kitchen/Breakfast Room
Cloakroom – Utility – Three Bedrooms
En-Suite – Family Bathroom – Enclosed
Garden – Garage – Gated Parking
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POUNDBURY £690 PCM
CLOSE TO ALL FACILITIES
Lobby – Hall – Kitchen/Dining Room
Sitting Room – Two Double Bedrooms
Bathroom - Allocated Parking
Gas C/H – D/G
Poundbury Office 01305 269200

DORCHESTER £695 PCM
CLOSE TO POUNDBURY FACILITIES
Hall – Kitchen – Sitting/Dining Room
Two Bedrooms
En-Suite Shower Room – Bathroom
Allocated Parking – Gas C/H – D/G
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The star of the 1974 film 'Gone in 60 Seconds' was undoubtedly the 1973 Ford Mustang Mach 1 named Eleanor. When the producers of the 2000 remake were looking for a car to feature in a climactic chase sequence, another mustang was the natural choice. In order to stand out amongst the array of exotic sports cars also featuring in the movie, it was decided that the Mustang would need to be something special.

Famed Hot Rod illustrator Steve Stanford was enlisted to create a 1967 Mustang GT500 and former Boyd Coddington designer Chip Foose was hired by the production company to turn Stanford's work into a reality.

Working from Stanford's drawings with Ray Claridge of Cinema Vehicle Services in North Hollywood, wings with new wider wheel arches, a bonnet with a prominent bulge, a deep front valance and side skirts and a spoiler incorporated into the boot lid were designed. PIAA lights were installed in both the nose and tail and a distinctive billet grille was specified. The Schmidt 17x8-inch wheels that finish off the cars external appearance were sourced while the interior was kept as a standard Shelby interior with a monster tachometer and a subtle roll hoop.

Twelve cars were built in total, five of which were stunt cars that didn't survive the filming. The car being sold is one of the very small number that remain.

More specifically, this is one of the three 'hero' cars, built not just to be functional but also to be used for scenes involving the actors themselves. Designated number 7, this actual car would have been used for driving shots or, with a camera mounted, for dialogue or interior action shots featuring the actors.

According to the supplied copy of the build sheet, in addition to the bodywork modifications, the preparation of this particular 1967 Mustang fastback involved replacing the 289 cubic inch V8 with a 351 cubic inch Ford Racing crate motor fitted with a 'big' camshaft and 700cfm Holley 4-barrel carburettor. Total Control Products lowered the suspension with coil over front suspension and Willwood disk brakes all round with 6 piston callipers on the front. Though not functional in the movie, the side exhausts were made functional by Cinema Vehicle Services when filming was completed. The Fuel Safe tank is filled through a Mach 1 cap on the C-Pillar.

'Eleanor' is essentially unchanged today from when she completed her starring role. Instantly recognisable whether a movie aficionado or not, the Mustang is in very good condition overall. The paintwork, resplendent in metallic Grey with Black stripes, is in excellent condition. The interior is equally fine with carpets and seats clean and free from significant wear or damage. To say the engine sounds healthy would be an understatement. The side exit exhausts make a satisfying and potent rumble, which sets hairs on end. As seen in the movie, the switch to arm the Nitrous Oxide system and 'go baby go' switch on the gear lever are present and correct.

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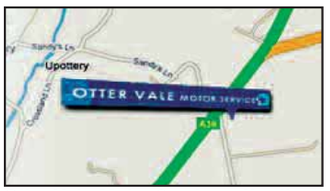

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At the same time, the Group is launching two new services to the automotive sector: a market research division specifically targeting the growing Chinese market, and Sceptre Social Media, a pure Social Media consultancy to advise, and train PRs in the use and benefits of social platforms.

APR has been at the heart of the automotive industry for 11 years, with a B2B focus that serves clients including Bosch, Continental Tyres, DAF Trucks, Optare, TATA Steel and Vauxhall. APR also operates a growing global network which currently includes eight partner offices across Europe and North and South America, India and soon Australia and has its own business in China.

Torque PR was established in 2009 by Peter Haynes and Phil Hale and has grown rapidly, providing consumer PR and event management for premium auto brands that include Land Rover, Jaguar, RM Auctions, GTO London and luxury lifestyle event Salon Privé, as well as UKiP Media and Events.

Haynes and Hale will join APR's Martin Hayes, Marco Ferrari, Belle Moss and Mus Kortach as executive directors on the board of Orb Communications Group, to oversee all its business interests.

The Group is also adding Orb PR to its portfolio of operations to cater for growing demand from non-automotive industrial clients.

Orb Chairman, Martin Hayes, said: "This really is a perfect marriage, with APR and Torque having complementary skills and clients. This deal provides us an excellent springboard to develop wider client services, the first of which we are announcing today.

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DORSET FOOTBALL

ISLANDERS HIT MAGNIFICENT SEVEN

Portland topple Division One leaders Wareham Rangers

PREMIER LEAGUE

A NICK ETHERINGTON goal after 20 minutes was enough to earn Chickerell United all three points from Saturday's visit by Blandford.

Elsewhere, a Ryan McKechnie strike couldn't save Weymouth Reserves from dropping into the bottom two after a 2-1 home defeat by fellow strugglers Merley Cobham Sports.

◆ Current league top-scorers; *Mark Ford (Blandford Utd) 30, Sam Jarman (Westlands) 19, Adam Linaker (Portland United), James Stickland (Poole Boro) 18.*

SENIOR LEAGUE

WAREHAM Rangers stay in pole position despite their first defeat of the season a 7-0 thumping by second placed Portland United.

Joe Toghill (3), Tom Bell (2) Lewis Whyton and Joshua Burton were on target for the Islanders who were strengthened by having their first team's Premier League game postponed.

Upwey and Broadwey stay in third place after their 4-2 win at Piddletrenhide with the hosts' consolations coming from Neil Kellaway and an own goal.

Witchampton United stay in fifth place following their 4-1 win against Chickerell United. Okeford moved up into the top six with a surprise 6-0 hammering of Weymouth Sports.

DIVISION ONE

WESTLAND Sports remain six points clear at the top following their 4-0 win at Granby Rovers.

Mere Town stay in second place following a 10-1 mauling of Poole Borough. Bradley Hansford (3), Matt Chant (2), Jordan Collins (2), Sean Colohan, Gavin Bendell and Tom Cowley waded in with goals.

Poundbury Rovers moved into the top three but had to settle for a point after a 1-1 draw with Dorchester Town.

Bere Regis moved into the top five with a 4-2 victory against Merely Cobham Sports with their goals coming from Tom Williams, Graeme Rose, Sean Cooper and John Sanders.

Meanwhile Dorchester Borough went down 1-0 at home against Wincanton Reserves.

Chris Eaton (2) and Luke Sands scored the consolation goals as The Ship Inn Wool went down 4-3 at home against Swanage & Herston

The Kangaroos sprung further away from the bottom two with a 4-1 win against bottom Club Shaftesbury with goals from Jason Hillier (2), Jamie Samways and Ben King.

DIVISION TWO

UNBEATEN Corfe Mullen United stay 10 points clear at the top following their 6-1 success against Corfe Castle with Daniel Flooks (2), Steven Morris, Sam, Maskell, David Johnston and Thomas Dack making up the half-dozen.

Leon Attre scored the winner as Weymouth Spartans moved up into the top four with a 1-0 win over Wyke Regis Social Club.

Dorchester Sports moved up into fifth place after their 3-1 win at Bridport.

DIVISION THREE

PIDDLEHINTON United closed the gap to seven points on the leaders with a 9-1 thrashing of Stickland United with their strikes coming from Jason Bushnell (5), Ben Jeans (2), Nick Hansford and Ben Southern.

A single goal by Alan Bryant gave Soccer FC maximum points against Okeford United.

Chris Burch (2) and Colin Upfold scored the goals as Portesham started the year off well with 3-2 win against Bere Regis.

Galaxy FC moved out of the bottom three with a 3-2 victory over Maiden Newton & Cattistock with their goals coming from Josh Bennett, Liam Gould and Ross McFadden.

DIVISION FOUR

HANDLEY Sports stay in pole position after they shared two goals and the points with second place side Owermoigne.

Joe Djeebet netted a hat-trick as Weymouth Spartans moved into the top three with a 3-2 win at Bishops Caundle.

Littlemoor stay in fifth place after a 2-1 win at Stalbridge thanks to a double fromTyran Pryer. Poundbury Rovers stay in mid table after their 3-1 win against Puddletown with their strikes coming from Simon Mitchem, Alex Godfrey and a penalty from Darren Greening.

DIVISION FIVE

A NATHAN Matthews goal couldn't save Maiden Newton & Cattistock from a 4-1 home reverse at the hands of Pimperne Sports.

Marnhull stay in mid-table after their 3-1 victory against their hosts Dorchester CC with the Dorchester goal coming from Roger Frapwell.

RESULTS - January 7th

PREMIER LEAGUE

Chickerell United 1-0 Blandford United
Hamworthy Rec P-P Portland United
Hamworthy Utd Res 4-1 Sherborne Res
Poole Borough 1-2 Cranborne
Shaftesbury 2-0 Sturminster Marshall
Swanage Town & Her 0-7 Holt United
Westland Sports 3-0 Tintinhull
Weymouth Res 1-2 Merely Cobham
Wincanton Town 2-0 Bridport Reserves

SENIOR LEAGUE

Blandford United 0-4 Kingston Lacy
Okeford United 6-0 Weymouth Sports
Piddletrenthide 2-4 Upwey & Broadwey
Portland United 7-0 Wareham Rangers
Stourpaine P-P Bishops Caundle
Sturm Newton United 1-1 Gillingham
Witchampton 4-1 Chickerell United

DIVISION ONE

Bere Regis 4-2 Merley Cobham
Dorchester Borough 0-1 Wincanton
Granby Rovers 0-4 Westland Sports
Kangaroos 4-1 Shaftesbury
Mere Town 10-1 Poole Borough
Ship Inn Wool 3-4 Swange Town & Her
Poundbury Rovers 1-1 Dorchester Town

DIVISION TWO

11th Signals 1-3 Crossways
Bridport 1-3 Dorchester Sports
Corfe Mullen 6-1 Corfe Castle
Gillingham 5-2 Sturm Newton Utd
Lytchett RT 3-6 The Balti House
Milborne Sports 6-1 Wareham Rangers
Weymouth Spartans 1-0 Wyke Regis SC

DIVISION THREE

AFC Cobham 3-4 Donhead United
Galaxy 3-2 Maiden Newton & Cattistock
Piddlehinton Utd 9-1 Stickland United
Portesham 3-2 Bere Regis
Soccer 1-0 Okeford United

DIVISION FOUR

Bishops Caundle 2-3 Weymouth Spart
Owermoigne 1-1 Handley Sports
Poundbury Rovers 3-1 Puddletown
Stalbridge 1-2 Littlemoor
Swanage Town & Herston P-P Galaxy

DIVISION FIVE

AFC Blandford 1-4 Mere Town
Donhead United 3-1 Milborne Sports
Dorchester CC 1-3 Marnhull
Handley Sports 3-7 Broadstone
Maiden Newton & C 1-4 Pimperne Sp

FIXTURES- January 14th

Dorset Senior Trophy

Kingston Lacy v Gillinghham or Parley Sp
Weymouth Sports v Sturm Newton Utd
Bridport v Piddletrenthide United
Okeford United v Portland United

PREMIER LEAGUE

Blandford Utd v Merley Cobham
Cranborne v Shaftesbury
Hamworthy Res v Chickerell Utd
Holt Utd v Westland Sports
Parley Sports v Sherborne Res
Portland Utd v Ham Utd Res
Sturm Marshall v Weymouth Res
Tintinhull v Swanage & Herston
Wincanton v Poole Borough

SENIOR LEAGUE

Bishops Caundle v Stourpaine
Up & Broadwey v Wareham Rangers
Witchampton v Blandford Utd Res

DIVISION ONE

Dorchester Boro v Bere Regis
Merley Cobham v Wincanton Res
Poole Borough Res v Granby Rovers
Shaftesbury Res v Poundbury Rov
Ship Inn, Wool v Mere Town
Swanage & Her v Dorchester A
Westalnd Sports v Kangaroos

DIVISION TWO

Dorchester Sports v Crossways
Lytchet RT v 11th Signals
Milbourne Sports v Corfe Castle
Sturm Newton Res v Balti House
Wareham Rangers v Corfe Mullen Utd
Weymouth Spartans v Gillingham A
Wyke Regis SC v Bridport 3rds

DIVISION THREE

Bere Regis v Donhead Utd
Galaxy v Cranborne Res
Portesham Utd v Okeford Utd Res
Soccer FC v AFC Cobham
Stickland Utd v Maiden Newton & Catt

DIVISION FOUR

Littlemoor v Poundbury Rover Res
Puddletown v Galaxy Res
Stalbridge v Weymouth Spartans Res
Swanage & Hers v Bishops Caundle

DIVISION FIVE

AFC Blandford v Pimperne Sports
Donhead Utd Res v Marnhull
Handley Sports v Milborne Sports
Maiden Newton & Catt v Broadstone
Mere Town Res v Poundbury A

PREMIER	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Portland United	19	15	2	2	53	47
Wincanton Town	19	15	4	0	45	46*
Westland Sports	19	14	3	2	49	45
Hamworthy Rec	17	13	1	3	39	40
Holt United	19	12	2	5	24	38
Chickerell United	19	12	2	5	17	38
Parley Sports	21	10	3	8	-2	33
Bridport Reserves	19	10	2	7	14	32
Swanage Town & Her	19	10	1	8	-2	31
Poole Borough	21	8	4	9	6	28
Blandford United	21	8	4	9	-4	28
Sturminster Marshall	21	7	3	11	0	24
Hamworthy United Res	20	6	3	11	-30	21
Tintinhull	21	5	4	12	-26	19
Cranborne	21	5	2	14	-23	17
Merley Cobham Sports	19	4	2	13	-19	14
Shaftesbury	20	4	2	14	-43	14
Weymouth Reserves	19	5	2	12	-17	11*
Sherborne Town Res	20	0	2	18	-81	2

(* points adjusted)

SENIOR	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Wareham Rangers	15	10	4	1	14	34
Portland United Res	14	8	5	1	25	29
Upwey & Broadwey	15	9	2	4	7	29
Kingston Lacy	13	8	4	1	13	28
Witchampton Utd	14	8	2	4	7	26
Okeford United	14	6	3	5	12	21
Sturm Newton Utd	15	6	3	6	1	21
Weymouth Sports	16	6	3	7	-5	21
Bishops Caundle	15	4	6	5	3	18
Stourpaine	13	4	3	6	0	15
Gillingham Res	14	4	2	8	-12	14
Chickerell Utd Res	14	2	4	8	-14	10
Piddletrenthide	14	1	4	9	-14	7
Blandford Utd Res	16	1	3	12	-37	6

DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Westland Sports Rs	15	12	2	1	40	38
Mere Town	12	10	2	0	50	32
Poundbury Rovers	16	7	5	4	8	26
Poole Borough Res	15	8	1	6	7	25
Bere Regis	15	7	1	7	16	22
Granby Rovers	10	7	0	3	17	21
Wincanton Res	15	6	2	7	-11	20
Merley Cobham Res	14	6	0	8	-13	18
Ship Inn, Wool	15	5	2	8	-7	17
Dorchester Town A	14	5	2	7	-8	17
Swanage & H Res	12	5	0	7	-13	15
Kangaroos	12	4	2	6	-6	14
Dorchester Boro	13	2	2	9	-20	8
Shaftesbury Res	12	0	1	11	-60	1

DIVISION TWO	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Corfe Mullen Utd	14	13	1	0	51	40
Milborne Sports	12	10	0	2	41	30
Bridport A	14	8	3	3	23	27
Weymouth Spart	14	9	0	5	14	27
Dorchester Sports	12	8	1	3	15	25
11 Signals	12	8	0	4	26	24
Gillingham Town A	12	6	3	3	12	21
The Balti House	15	7	0	8	-8	21
Wareham Rang Res	15	5	2	8	-17	17
Crossways	13	4	0	9	-13	12
Wyke Regis SC	12	3	3	6	-26	12
Lytchett RT	15	3	1	11	-38	10
Corfe Castle	14	1	1	12	-37	4
Sturm Newton Res	14	1	1	12	-43	4

DIVISION THREE	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
AFC Cobham	15	11	1	3	23	34
Piddlehinton Utd	13	8	3	2	28	27
Donhead Utd	11	9	0	2	19	27
Soccer FC	13	7	0	6	13	21
Portesham United	13	6	1	6	2	19
Bere Regis Reserves	12	5	1	6	3	16
Galaxy FC	11	5	0	6	-3	15
Maiden Newtn & C	14	5	0	9	-8	15
Stickland United	13	4	2	7	-29	14
Okeford Utd Res	12	3	1	8	-18	10
Cranborne Reserves	13	2	1	10	-30	7

DIVISION FOUR	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Handley Sports	13	7	4	2	26	25
Owermoigne	12	7	3	2	3	24
Weymouth Spart	13	7	1	5	6	22
Stalbridge	12	6	2	4	6	20
Littlemoor	12	5	4	3	2	19
Poundbury Rovers	15	5	4	6	-9	19
Bishops Caundle	13	5	0	8	-11	15
Puddletown	13	4	0	9	-10	12
Galaxy FC Reserves	11	1	7	3	-5	10
Swanage Town & H	12	2	3	7	-8	8*

DIVISION FIVE	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
AFC Blandford	13	10	1	2	37	30
Mere Town Res	12	10	1	1	39	31
AFC Blandford	14	10	1	3	34	31
Broadstone	14	10	1	3	33	31
Donhead Utd Res	13	9	3	1	26	30
Pimperne Sports	13	6	3	4	26	21
Marnhull	13	4	2	7	-18	14
Handley Sports	12	3	2	7	-34	11
Maiden Newtn & C	11	3	1	7	-21	10
Dorchester CC	11	3	0	8	-8	9
Milborne Sports	12	1	2	9	-21	5
Poundbury Rovers	13	1	2	10	-56	5

(* Points adjusted)

Volunteers efforts noted

■ **FOUR members of Weymouth Rugby Club have been recognised with RFU Valued Volunteer Awards. Club chairman Glyn Arnold is also coach of the Under 14s, whilst Jackie Arnold is the club's VP secretary as well as a team manager for the Under 14s. They, and head of catering, Denise Davis were recently presented with RFU VIP ties and scarves for their years of hard work for the club. In addition, Chris Plummer's hard work at the club has been recognised with a RFU Valued Volunteer certificate. Chris, pictured right receiving his award from Glyn Arnold, is a member of the coaching team at the club, and is also the 2nd Team Manager. He has been involved in coaching rugby locally and at the club for many years and the club would like to thank him for his hard work.** ***Photos by CHRIS DAVIS***

Portland Boxing Club looking for new members

PORTLAND Amateur Boxing Club is looking to attract new members.

The club, which accepts young boys and girls from the age of 10 for its junior section, is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 6pm for juniors and 7pm for seniors, with other nights available for members who are active boxers.

The fees are very competitive and all the coaches are first aid trained and CRB checked.

The club is also seeking volunteers to join the committee, and look forward to meeting anyone interested in either boxing or helping.

More information is available on the club website www.portlandabc.co.uk or contact the secretary on 07732220362.

Bridport & District Darts League

Division One	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BSC	11	8	2	1	64	24	18
Rob's Robbers	11	8	2	1	62	26	18
Nomads	11	8	0	3	55	33	16
Hands of Time	11	6	2	3	52	36	14
Knapp Inn	11	7	0	4	49	39	14
All Stars	11	4	4	3	47	41	12
Tiger	11	4	4	3	47	41	12
Nags Head A	11	3	3	5	44	44	9
Elders	11	2	2	7	34	51	6
One for the Road	11	2	2	7	29	56	6
Villa All Stars	11	2	1	8	25	63	5
Rubber Johns	11	1	0	10	14	68	2

Stat leaders; *Win percentage* - Dave Holt (Rob's Robbers)100, Matthew Gale and Ritchie Hayter (both BSC) all 90.91. *180s* - Derek Pratley (Rob's Robbers) and Steve Smith (BCS) both 4. *Highest shot-out*: Simons Adams (All Stars) 155.

Division Two	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Clock a doodle Doo	10	8	0	2	58	22	16
The Family	10	6	3	1	51	29	15
Phoenix Spifires	10	7	1	2	50	27	15
Royal Hawks	10	4	5	1	43	37	13
Odd Bods	10	5	2	3	45	32	12
Dirtybly	10	4	2	4	39	38	10
Dat team	10	2	4	4	38	42	8
Weigh Anchors	10	2	4	4	32	48	8
The Surgeons	9	1	3	5	26	43	5
Broken Arrows	9	1	1	7	22	50	3
The Cavaliers	10	0	3	7	22	58	3

Stat leaders; *Win percentage* - Richard Carter (The Family) 90, Dave Churchill (Odd Bods) 88.89, Phil Aburrow (Dat Team) 80. *180s* - Richard Carter (The Family) 3, seven players 1. Highest shot-out: Patrick Langdon (The Family) 141

Division Three	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bob's Boys	11	7	3	1	59	29	17
Nelson Fliers	11	6	3	2	52	36	15
Midnight Runners	11	6	3	2	51	37	15
Bradpole Social Club	11	6	2	3	48	40	14
Poachers	11	6	1	4	42	46	13
Time Bombs	11	5	2	4	46	42	12
Anchor Five	11	3	5	3	47	41	11
Mozzies Heroes	11	3	4	4	39	49	10
The Inbetweeners	11	5	0	6	39	49	10
All the King's Men	10	2	2	6	32	48	6
The Capercaillies	9	1	2	6	29	43	4
Odds & Sods	10	0	1	9	28	52	1

Stat leaders; *Win percentage* - Chris Lucas (Dodgers) 100, Graham Gumbrill (Midnight Runners) 90.91. *180s* - T.Poole (Midnight Runners) 3, M.Powell (Anchor Five) 2. *Highest shot-out*: R.Chamberlain (Anchor Five) 149.

Division Four	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Red Devils	12	8	3	1	58	35	19
Tiger Bees	11	8	3	0	57	31	19
Only Just	12	8	2	2	58	35	18
Young Dartsers	11	7	1	3	52	33	15
Sorted Odds	12	6	2	4	54	42	14
Wham	11	6	2	3	47	41	14
Royal Soaks	12	5	2	5	45	48	12
Who Darted	11	5	0	6	46	39	10
Dead Horse	11	2	3	6	38	44	7
Smugglers	11	3	1	7	26	50	7
Tip Top Odds	11	2	2	7	38	50	6
Hopes Rebels	12	1	3	8	35	61	5
Just One More	11	1	0	10	20	65	2

Stat leaders; *Win percentage* - Tom Clewlow (Young Darters) 100, P.Ackerman (Red Devils) 90.67. *180s* - Simon Homewood (Wham) 2, 3 players 1. *Highest shot-out*: Dan Broom (Just One More) 140.

Ladies Division One	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tender Trap	10	9	1	0	69	11	19
San Souci	9	8	1	0	49	20	17
Knight n' gals	10	6	1	3	48	32	13
Anchor Aces	9	5	1	3	41	28	11
Against the Odds	9	4	2	3	39	33	10
Queen Bees	10	3	3	4	38	39	9
Second to None	9	3	0	6	26	46	6
Kings Arrows	9	2	2	5	25	41	6
Rose Buds	9	3	0	6	20	46	6
The Bitter Sweets	10	2	0	8	27	53	4
West Dorset Clubbers	10	1	1	8	22	55	3

Stat leaders; *Win percentage* - Sue Violet and Sarah Chick (both Tender Trap) both 100, Janet Collins (Queens Bees) 90. *180s* - Tina Dawe (Anchor Aces) and Tina Whitlock (Second to None) 1apiece. *Highest shot-out*: Sue Violet 118.

Ladies Division Two	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Odds & Evens	10	5	5	0	51	29	15
Sue's Rebels	10	6	3	1	49	31	15
Mabees	10	6	3	1	44	36	15
Next Door	9	4	4	1	43	29	12
New Gorgettes	10	4	3	3	43	37	11
Charlies Angels	10	3	3	4	40	40	9
Good Mates	10	3	2	5	40	40	8
Tiger Stripes	9	4	0	5	29	40	8
Anchors Awiegh	10	1	3	6	31	46	5
Cowgirls	10	2	1	7	31	49	5
Wildcats	10	2	1	7	28	52	5

Stat leaders; *Win percentage* - Tracy Wayland (Cowgirls) 90, Helen Homewood (Next Door) 85.71. *180s* - none. *Highest shot-out*: C.Burwood (Wildcats) 110.

Weymouth looking to go one better

WEYMOUTH RFC are looking to go one better tonight (Wednesday) when they lock horns with Supermarine from Swindon in the County Shield Final at North Dorset's Slaughtergate ground (kick off 7.30 pm).

The Seasiders and RFU Coach of the Year Paul "Pablo" Harding said: "We made it to the final last season, but were beaten by Blandford at Dorchester.

"I had no problems with the outcome of that game as Blandford were the better side on the day.

"However our current squad of players are stronger than last year and we are confident, but not over confident.

"We are currently top of Dorset and Wilts. Division One South and have played some good rugby this season, but we have had a couple of losses along the way.

"We are planning to take a large group of supporters with us and hope not to disappoint them again, but despite all of this, promotion into the Southern Counties league remains our target for this season."

(see also Keith Jenkin's Rugby Round-up on page 71).

Yeovil & District Mixed Tennis League

Division One	Pld	Pts
Sherborne A	7	47
Ilminster	7	38
Melcombe Regis	**6**	**38**
Yeovil A	6	34
South Petherton	6	32
Chard A	6	20
Martock A	6	11

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Sherborne B	7	51
Martock B	6	35
Somerton A	6	35
Beaminster A	**6**	**29**
Yeovil B	6	23
Wincanton	6	20
Chard B	5	17

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Weymouth A	**6**	**39**
Misterton A	5	35
South Petherton B	6	31
Somerton B	5	28
Bridport	**5**	**20**
Martock C	5	7

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Yeovil C	5	35
Misterton B	5	30
Sutton Montis	5	28
Beaminster B	**5**	**23**
Weymouth B	**5**	**22**
Somerton C	5	12

Help cricketers with those unwanted Christmas presents

MARTINSTOWN Cricket Club's jumble sale on Saturday February 4th is the perfect time to rid yourself of those Christmas presents that you received that were not quite what you wanted and you have put aside wondering what to do with them!

The event takes place in Martinstown Village Hall and starts at 2pm and admission is only 20p and in addition there will be a tombola, raffle and refreshments.

The club would be most grateful to receive any jumble, bric-a-brac, toys, books etc that you can donate, together with contributions of suitable items for the raffle and tombola.

It would be appreciated if any items can be delivered to the hall from 10.30am on the day.

Equally they always require people to help set up in the morning or to man the stalls in the afternoon, so if you can spare an hour or two please come along.

All profits will go to club funds and it is through events such as this that they are able to maintain and improve their facilities, whilst keeping membership and match fees at such reasonable levels.

Dorset County cup draws

THE Dorset County Football Association has completed the draws for the next round of the county cups.

SENIOR CUP SEMI-FINALS
(Matches to be played on Tuesday, February 28th and Wednesday February 29th)
Dorchester Town (holders) v Portland United.
Wimborne Town v Hamworthy Rec.

SENIOR TROPHY
(matches to be played on Saturday, March 10th)
Weymouth Sports or Sturminster Newton United v Okeford United or Portland United.
Bridport or Piddletrenthide United v Kingston Lacy or Gillingham Town or Parley Sports.

INTERMEDIATE CUP SEMI-FINALS
(matches to be played on Saturday, March 10th)
Milborne Sports v Normalair RSL.
Corfe Mullen United v Lyme Regis (holders).

JUNIOR CUP SEMI-FINALS
(matches to be played on Saturday, March 3rd)
Donhead United v Lyme Regis Reserves.
Beaminster Reserves v Galaxy.

MINOR CUP
(matches to be played on Saturday, March 10th)
Handley Sports v Ferndown Sports.
Bournemouth University Staff v A&T Athletic.

SUNDAY SENIOR CUP
(matches to be played on Sunday, March 4th)
Parley Sports v Branksome Railway.
West Moors SC v Springers.

LYME REGIS DARTS LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rousdon Club	5	5	0	0	32	8	10
George A	5	4	0	1	26	14	8
Nags Head A	5	3	0	2	23	17	6
Rockpoint	5	2	0	3	18	22	4
Talbot Arms	5	1	0	4	12	28	2
Nags Z	5	0	0	5	9	31	0

Stat leaders; Win percentage, min 3 games - Matt Brotherton (George A), Rich Powell (Rousdon Club), Terry Prowse (Nags Head A) and Tom Bond (Rockpoint A) all 100.
180s - Jon Bowditch (Nags Head A), Darren Herbert (Rousdon Club) and Terry Prowse all 2.
Highest shot-out - Terry Prowse and Darren Herbert both 150.

DIVISION TWO	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rousdon Club	5	5	0	0	32	8	10
Four Play	5	4	0	1	26	14	8
Royal Standard	4	4	0	0	24	8	8
Janners	5	3	0	2	22	18	6
Hunters Lodge	5	1	1	3	20	20	3
George B	4	0	1	3	10	22	1
Half An Octopus	3	0	0	3	2	22	0

Stat leaders; Win percentage, min 3 games - Nick Bown (Royal Standard), Lee Cleal (Four Play) and Cameron Vere (Royal Standard) all 100.
180s - Nick Bown, Rob Haines (Hunters Lodge) and Ralph Tucker (George B) all 1.
Highest shot-out - Nick Bown 116.

GRANDPRIX TABLE	League Pts	Total Pts
Rousdon Club	48	59
Four Play	39	56
George A	39	50
Janners	36	43
Royal Standard	39	39
Nags Head A	33	37
Rockpoint A	27	31
Talbot Arms	15	22
Nags Z	18	18
George B	12	12
Hunters Lodge	9	12
Half an Octopus	9	9

Dorchester & District Snooker League

***RESULTS**; WDC Whipping Boys 0 Colliton Xq 2011 6, Colliton Hopefuls 5 Trinty M 3, West Dorset Club C 5 West Dorset Club A 3, Colliton Club B 5 Colliton Nomads 2, Purbeck Potters 2 Trinity Express 4, Trinity Gooduns 6 Colliton Cons 0.*

***30+ breaks**: G.Haddow 50, S.Rhone 46, M.Beale 39.*
***Top Break of the Season:** Mark Beale (Trinity Gooduns), Graham Bartlett (West Dorset Club A) both 66.*

	Pld	W	D	LN/R	Pts
Trinity Gooduns	11	7	1	3	0	46
West Dorset Club C	9	6	2	1	0	44
Trinity Express	11	4	2	5	0	42
Trinity M	11	4	2	5	0	41
Colliton Cons	10	6	1	3	0	39
West Dorset Club A	8	4	2	2	0	36
Purbeck Potters	9	2	4	3	0	34
WDC Whipping Boys	11	4	0	7	0	34
Colliton XQ2011	9	4	1	4	0	33
Colliton Club B	10	1	2	7	0	32
Colliton Nomads	9	4	1	4	0	28
Colliton Hopefuls	8	3	0	5	0	24

◆ ***REMINDER - LEAGUE RESULTS***
Teams are reminded that results must be with the Secretary by 9am on the Sunday following the match.

Failure to notify results or cancellations to Secretary by this time results in a 2 point deduction for the home or cancelling team.

FOOTBALL ROUND-UP

with Stuart Broom

Fleet sunk by Knight's hot shots

Dorchester Town 3 Thurrock 0 - Att: 493

DORCHESTER ensured Thurrock's revival did not start at The Avenue Stadium as they easily continued their own recovery that has seen just one Blue Square South defeat in their eleven games following the departure of Ashley Vickers in late October.

Thurrock, themselves under new management since the resignation of manager Robbie Garvey in early December, have signed several new players in a bid to end a run of eight defeats in ten games that had brought them just four points, and following encouraging signs with a draw at home to league leaders Woking were looking for the change of fortune that would lift their chances. However the Magpies were alert to the situation and in no real mood to be the catalyst to any resurgence.

On-loan Andrew White gave them a first-half lead and goals from the ever-improving Rico Wilson and new loanee Tom Nichols, signed from Exeter City the day before, completed a victory which was never in real doubt.

Manager Alan Knight made one change to the starting line up against Salisbury City, with White replacing the injured Ben Dickenson who was carried off and will be out for an estimated five weeks with damaged ankle ligaments.

Thurrock forced keeper Alan Walker-Harris into his only real save of the match in the second minute, when their most potent player Alex Osborn beat Jake Smeaton for pace before cutting inside Mark Jermyn and firing in a 20 yard shot that had the Magpies keeper diving low to his left to gather.

From then on it was almost one way as Dorchester, with Nick Crittenden weaving his old magic, sent Thurrock into waves of panic. The former Glover had two early chances but failed to find the target; firstly firing over the top after the ball bobbled at the vital moment when Wilson set him up after cleverly holding off a defender, before firing over again from the edge of the box.

However he was spot on with his corner-kick that gave Dorchester the lead on 14 minutes. His dead ball kick found Nathan Walker unmarked beyond the far post who precisely headed the ball back into the danger area where White had the easy task of heading home from two yards.

Walker then headed over from Steve Devlin's free-kick, whilst Thurrock's best response was a 25 yard shot from another former Glover Paul Terry which lacked both pace and direction.

Devlin who is returning to the form that made him such a favourite with the fans at the end of last season then provided another superb free-kick which saw Jamie Gleeson's 15 yard shot kicked off the line by Fleet's captain Stuart Thurgood and Kyle Critchell's follow up parried by keeper Craig Holloway.

Wilson then duped Holloway with a smart move but Thurgood blocked his shot at goal, before the keeper got the better of the striker when he saved at his feet after Crittenden had delivered a superb defence splitting pass.

It seemed as if the Magpies must add to their lead before the break, such was their dominance, and they almost did when Holloway under pressure from Walker mishandled, but the big central defender's shot off balance struck the post.

Thurrock must have felt it was not their day when they conceded again four minutes after the break. Ahmed Deen's goalbound shot struck Osborn and was cleared by a relieved Magpies defence setting up a counter attack which saw Wilson win his challenge with the outrushing Holloway on the corner of the penalty area before running the ball into an empty net.

White then fired over from an angle after cutting inside Louis Baucote after Crittenden had set him free, before Nathan Ashton somehow managed to nick the ball off Wilson's head as he was poised to score.

White and Wilson then cut through the Fleet defence to set up Devlin whose thunderous shot was superbly turned away in spectacular fashion by Holloway, before the keeper once again thwarted Wilson after Crittenden again opened the visiting defence.

Knight introduced 18-year-old Nichols for his debut with 20 minutes left, and the youngster continued to stretch the Thurrock defence with his speed.

He almost scored in the last minute of normal time when he sprinted clear from Critchell's slide rule pass, but Holloway managed to get his fingers to his diagonal shot and turn it behind, but he wasn't to be denied.

In the third minute of added time he started the move by releasing Devlin whose shot was parried by Holloway. However the youngster, on loan for a month, had kept running and he managed to reach the loose ball and turn it in from an acute angle.

Goals still the problem for Bees

Bridport 0 Hallen 3 - Att: 121

IT SOMETIMES appears that things conspire against you when your luck is out, and once again Bridport fans must have felt that after their side's performance had deserved at least a share of the spoils in this Toolstation Western League Premier game.

Goalless after 76 minutes, Bees keeper Sam Filkins punched a corner kick clear where it was driven back at goal and found the feet of surprised substitute Kyle O'Donovan who spun and turned it into the net.

Within two minutes they had doubled their lead through Billy George, and after a strong appeal for a penalty had been dismissed when Chris Clarke had been brought down in the 90th minute, Hallen swept down the other end to add to the Bees misery with a third.

However once again things could have been different had Bridport accepted the chances they created late in the first half.

Despite Hallen dictating the first half hour they never really threatened Filkins goal too much as the Bees held their shape and chances were few. Thomas Collett went closest for the visitors with a free kick that just went wide, whilst Darren Watts had Adam Growcott scrambling across goal to push his 20 yard shot wide of the post after cutting in from the left.

Bridport finally wrested control from the Armadillos in the final 15 minutes of the first half and created a number of good chances, any of which would surely have put them in the driving seat.

Three fell to the luckless Tom Richardson. The first saw him head over the top as he stretched to reach Matt Condliffe's cross from the right, before Sam Charles had to be replaced by Jamie Morgan after he fell awkwardly.

Watts then put Richardson in behind the Hallen defence with a superb pass seven minutes before the break, but an untimely bobble saw the striker's shot clear the bar as Growcott closed him down. Then his cushioned header from Dan Wise's corner kick looped over the bar when a firm strike might have been the better option.

Bridport's frustrations continued when Growcott got down to save Morgan's 22 yard shot after he had cut in from the left.

Hallen returned to dominating possession after the break as Bridport continually gave the ball away, but they still failed to bother Filkins until the breakthrough with just 14 minutes left.

Bridport felt they should have been awarded a penalty in the last minute of normal time when Chris Clarke's mazy run from the left into the penalty area was ended when he was scythed to the ground by a defender, but the referee ignored their pleas.

The ball was eventually cleared and O'Donovan scored a third to give a score line that did not truly reflect the situation.

Manager Trevor Senior will be relieved that despite the defeat his team stay eight points clear of the relegation zone. His son Chris came through his first game after suspension to add strength in midfield and whilst the Bees will still be without captain Darren Lock who has one more game to serve, they will be able to welcome back Russell Legg following his ban.

Dismal Terras suffer the blues

Arlesey Town 3 Weymouth 0 - Att: 173

WEYMOUTH'S good form over the festive season which saw them climb into the top half of the table, was undone with one of the worst performances of the season against a side who had not won for five games and are languishing near the bottom of the Evo-Stik Southern Premier.

A three goal first half salvo ensured it was going to be a tough ask for the Terras to salvage something from the game, and whilst they did pull one back through Craig Duff three minutes from time, it was too little too late to help.

Confidence was high having taken seven points out of the nine on offer over the holidays to add to victory over Bashley in the lead up to Christmas, but Weymouth never really got going and a very poor defensive display particularly, saw them concede three times in a 22 minute first half period to a side who last won at Hitchin Road last August.

The Blues were much more positive than their visitors in the early exchanges and took the lead on 15 minutes when Jordan Patrick nipped behind a statuesque Terras defence and beat a hesitant Nick Jordan with a low shot.

Patrick doubled the lead on 33 minutes when he followed up Jordan's save to slot home despite the presence of Scott Dixon and Ollie Tribe, and four minutes later Chris Marsh raced beyond the Weymouth defence to calmly add a third.

With nothing to lose manager Brendan King introduced James Coutts and Jamie Beasley in a bid to add some firepower, and although Coutts had a shot brilliantly saved by Blue's keeper Nick Bussey, it wasn't until three minutes from time that Duff pulled a consolation goal back when he headed home Stephen Read's cross.

There will need to be a big improvement on this showing if Weymouth are to get back to recent form.

Fry injury hampers Bees

Wincanton Town 2 Bridport Reserves 0

BRIDPORT reserves may well have got something from this game but for an injury to goalkeeper Jamie Fry who was hampered by a dead leg injury midway through the first half that restricted his movement.

Bridport had a shot cleared off the line before the hosts, currently lying second in the Magna Dorset Premier league, went ahead shortly after Fry's injury; a 30-yard free kick which the keeper could not get down to through his lack of mobility.

With Bridport playing the better football early in the second-half Wincanton were grateful to their keeper who made a superb save from when Robin Jones, who then hit the crossbar with a header.

With his kicking restricted the brave Fry resorted to throwing the ball out, but unfortunately midway through the second half threw the ball to an opponent who tucked it away to maintain Wincanton's unbeaten season.

Johnson return a boost for Glovers

By Stuart Broom.

GARY Johnson returned for a second spell as manager of Yeovil Town on Monday in a bold bid by the club to lift the Glovers flagging circumstances that has seen them once again occuping a place in the npower League One relegation zone.

The 56-year-old's appointment was announced at a press conference at Huish Park where it was also confirmed that former boss Terry Skiverton would remain at the club as Johnson's assistant.

Johnson joined the Glovers in 2001 and in his first season led them to success in the FA Trophy where Skiverton as his captain lifted the cup following a 2-0 victory over Stevenage Borough at Villa Park.

The following year Yeovil gained promotion to the Football League for the first time in the club's history and two years later were promoted as champions to League One.

His phenomenal success, that even had him mentioned as a possible outsider for the England national manager's job, saw him move to Bristol City in the summer of 2005 where within three seasons he had gained the Robins promotion from League One and missed out on a Premiership place having lost to Hull City in the play-off final at Wembley.

Rumours of Johnson's return were fuelled over the weekend and he took Monday morning's training session with Skiverton before the official announcement.

The move has delighted many fans who were becoming despondent with the club's results this season that has then struggle under Skiverton's leadership.

Bridport bowls club

by Brian Baker

BRIDPORT men's team went down 60-109 to league leaders Dolphin (Poole) in the Wessex League

At home, Mike Long, Derek Harp, Bob Taylor and Ivor Parker finished 1.2.3 to win 21-18 for a fine two points whilst Max Dare, Brian Galpin, Brian Morgan and Ken Enticott went down 16-31.

At Poole Roy Lidington, Dave Roberts, Brian Iversen, Bill Payne and Martin Wilton, Keith Brooks, Chris Thorne and Brian Rumble lost 12-32, 11-28 respectively.

Spokesman Brian Baker said: "The boys are far from disheartened, this is one match that we didn't expect to get anything from. They are a big club with a membership of around a 1000 compared to our 200, so to get something was a bonus, particularly as we lost two of our top players with Brian Conisbee and Arthur Stone having foot and hip operations this month.

Hughes inspires battling Beaminster

Chard 2nd 3 Beaminster 2nd 5

BEAMINSTER Ladies Hockey 2nd's made a slow start in their first game back since the Christmas break and with Chard having five rolling subs against Beaminster's 11, the home side controlled most of the possession in the first-half and went in at the break a goal up.

However Beaminster quickly equalised after the interval when Danni Donovan scored from the top of the D following a one-two with Polly Davies.

Slack marking allowed Chard to regain the lead, but they equalised again when Harriet Hughes picked up the rebound off Donovan's short corner shot to slot home.

The visitors then went ahead for the first time when Davies, Donovan and Toni Aplin combined leaving the latter to score at the far post, but Chard regained parity before Davies once again nudged Beaminster in front.

Ali White secured victory by driving home her shot from a short corner routine to complete the scoring.

Hughes returning from a long-term shoulder injury had a real impact on the game and was named Player-of-the-Match.

Team: *P.Davies, Aplin, Daniels, Donovan, Hughes, Dale, Varndell, White, Tuck, Pearson, Andrews*.

The Dave Smith Memorial Cup

LYME Regis Darts League (sponsored by Class One Driver Hire) is staging the Dave Smith Memorial Open Darts competition on Thursday, January 12th (7:45pm for 8pm start).

Format:

1st leg: 501 bust rule.

2nd leg: 15 darts at bull & 25 - highest score wins the leg (If tied then 3 darts sudden death).

3rd leg: 15 darts - 3 each at 20s, 19s, 18s, 17s & 16s - highest score wins the leg (If tied then 3 darts sudden death).

4th leg: halve it - 3 darts at each 20s, treble 10, 11s, double 15, treble 14, bull & 25 - highest score wins the leg (If tied then 3 darts sudden death).

5th leg: 15 darts at treble 13 - highest score wins the leg (If tied then 3 darts sudden death).

Lyme Regis Darts League Grandprix points apply.

Entry fee: singles £2 all entry fees go to charity. Venue: The Nags Head, Silver Street, Lyme Regis, Dorset. tel: 01297442312.

All captains are reminded that entry for all the cups (Singles, pairs, mixed pairs etc) need to be in by January 12th.

Spare entry forms will be available at the Dave Smith Cup evening.

(More local darts news on page 69)

Bridport Table Skittles

Division A	Pld	W	Pts	Beer
Jesters	11	10	42	9
Crown Duels	10	8	33	7
Second Hand	10	6	32	6
What the Odds	11	6	32	5
Chilliheads	10	7	31	9
Sallys Mustangs	11	5	29	4
Freds heros	10	6	26	6
Crown A	11	4	24	5
What an Anchor	11	4	21	7
Tanners A	11	3	19	2
No Hopers	11	3	18	2
Oak A Nuts	11	2	12	2

Division B	Pld	W	Pts	Beer
Kens Prix	11	9	41	10
Five of Clubs	11	8	34	9
Cross Shots	10	6	31	5
Simpsons	11	5	30	6
Five Alive	11	4	27	3
Baggies Boys	10	5	26	3
Clock Teasers	11	6	24	4
Mucking Fuddlers	11	5	24	4
Bellends	11	5	24	1
George Gormets	11	4	24	6
Slingers	11	5	23	7
Consorts	11	3	17	7

Division C	Pld	W	Pts	Beer
Who Gives a Tuck	11	8	36	7
The Little Nibblers	11	7	32	7
Nelson Novices	11	6	31	9
Kings of Hazard	10	7	28	4
Tanners Rebles	11	5	28	7
JBs Chicks	11	7	27	3
Upstairs Downstairs	11	4	26	5
About Time	11	4	26	3
Johns Spare Handbags	11	4	25	5
Fishermans Friends	9	5	23	6
Exiles	10	5	19	5
Quarterdeck	9	1	14	3

RUGBY ROUND-UP

with Keith Jenkin

Busy week for Weymouth RFC

I DECIDED to take the road to Dorchester on the first Saturday of the year to watch their league game against Corsham, and have been asked to convey best wishes to Dennis, long time touchline walker, and now in the local hospice, from all his chums who, like him, can no longer play the game.

DORCHESTER 22 CORSHAM 8

THE first few minutes of this Southern Counties league (South) encounter was spent in home territory and it was Corsham who had the chance to open the scoring but their penalty goal attempt after some five minutes play, went wide.

It was in fact Dorchester who took the lead towards the end of the first quarter during what was really their first meaningful foray into their opponents' territory. They won a maul on the Corsham twenty two and put up what was, one thought, a rather speculative box kick. It paid dividends however for blind side winger Croft was well up, gathered the ball, wrong footed the defender and touched down five yards in from touch.

The try remained unconverted and Corsham's response was immediate. Dorchester had won a free kick on halfway and opted for the scrum. They duly heeled the ball but some slackness at the base allowed the Corsham scrum worker to steal the ball and, with the defence out of position, run well over 40 yards to score near the corner flag. This try too remained unconverted.

The game continued with the visitors giving pretty much as good as they received but it was the home side who scored a try some five minutes before the break, and it was a good one. From inside their own half they sent the ball left. Croft made some useful ground before the play was switched and, with Corsham scurrying in defence, the ball was sent through several pairs of hands for blind side flanker Gower to get over in the corner.

The extras were not added and, immediately afterwards, one of the Corsham locks went down with a suspected broken ankle. Not a pleasant happening that took the medical staff several minutes to deal with.

With Corsham now having to regroup, the next few minutes belonged to the home side. They could not score however, having infringed close to their opponents, thus enabling them to kick clear.

Half time came with the scoreline standing at 10-5 in home favour and, while they had scored two good tries, I felt that they were a little fortunate to be ahead at this stage.

Corsham started the second period well and their pressure was rewarded after five minutes when they kicked a penalty after Dorchester had infringed on their own twenty two and in front. They had another penalty opportunity also but chose to kick to the corner and were subsequently sent empty away. (I thought they should have taken the points and thus the lead).

I did think that Corsham had the better of the third quarter marginally speaking but, on the hour, Dorchester attacked and, after a bout of pressure, scrum half Gower bundled his way over out wide. The conversion was missed but the score put some daylight between the sides.

Dorchester then committed the cardinal sin of contriving to get offside at the restart and that allowed their opponents an attacking opportunity.

The home pack had enjoyed an edge at the set scrums all game however, and it had increased after the loss of the Corsham lock. It stood them in good stead at this juncture and they were eventually able to turn over possession and kick upfield.

They did mount a final attack and lock Broadbent galloped through a tiring Corsham defence to touch down the bonus point try. Bament, who had not had his best day with the boot, either from hand or tee, added the conversion with what was virtually the final kick of the game.

It is perhaps a little churlish to carp at a bonus point win, but this was not one of Dorchester's better performances. True they had an edge at the set scrum but their eight did not perform too well in other ball winning disciplines, while overall they only played well in patches against a side who gave as good as they got for the majority of the game, and often a little better. Corsham will, if they maintain this form, certainly avoid relegation.

DORCHESTER 3rd 51 ELLINGHAM & RINGWOOD 3rd 12

WHILE the final scoreline did not flatter the home side, it was certainly more decisive than the actual pattern of play suggested that it would be.

The visitors responded to an early Biddle try by scoring a converted one of their own. The home side were conceding too many penalties at this stage and eventually lost a man to the bin. The visitors could not take advantage however and an opportunist score by King regained the lead for the home side.

Bowden got the next after some good play had threatened the visitors' line and, with the final play of the half, King crossed for his second to take his side clear at the halfway stage.

Dorchester pulled away in the second-half. Congo showed good pace to get over from half way and, although a sin-binning threatened to blight their progress, they coped for the 10 minutes before Brookes got over for his final try for the club before leaving the area.

Dorchester were really on top now and halfbacks Seldon and Coles scored tries before the end. Ellingham and Ringwood had never given up and caught the home side napping before the whistle for no side when they tapped a penalty award close to the line and got over for a consolation try.

PUDDLETOWN 10 OAKMEDIANS 2nd 36

THIS Dorset & Wilts League Division Two (South) encounter took place in the presence of RFU President, Willie Wildash, and was certainly played in the right spirit.

Puddletown did have something of an edge up front and won a good supply of useable ball throughout but were unable to turn their attacks into points, often falling foul of an obdurate and well drilled visitors' defence.

Oakmedians scored two converted tries during the first quarter through their pacy backs, but flanker Watts reduced the deficit after he had hacked on and won the touchdown race. Skipper Yeatman kicked the conversion only for the visitors to score another try, unconverted this time, before the break.

Puddletown continued to have their fair share of both possession and territory but fell further behind when the visitors countered at pace. Yeatman did kick his second penalty of the game with ten minutes left, but two further long range touchdowns at the last saw the league leaders run out deserved winners.

WEYMOUTH 53 SALISBURY 2nd 20

ALTHOUGH a couple of injuries might just have blighted their afternoon, and a bit of a "silly season" during the third quarter, the home side would have, overall, been satisfied with this dominant performance against a Salisbury side who competed until the end.

First-half tries by Craig Barter, Sam Morris, Joe Wilson and Dominic Sewell, one of which was converted by Sheppard, meant that the bonus point was in the bag by the interval. Salisbury did manage a couple of penalty goals during the first forty minutes, but stilled trailed 22-6 at the halfway stage.

The home side increased its lead soon after the break with a Adam Hoxey touchdown but suffered a double injury blow soon after when two players had to leave the field with shoulder injuries.

The conceding of a penalty try and the sending of a player to the sin bin did not help the regrouping process, but they shrugged off these reversals and cut loose with tries by Wilson (two), Dean and Hoxey during the final 20 minutes. Sheppard converted three of them to complete his side's scoring and, although Salisbury responded with a converted try of their own during the final play of the game, it was little more than a consolation.

This win, although the opposition was not of the strongest, will set up Weymouth for their Dorset & Wilts Vase final against Supermarine at the North Dorset ground on Wednesday (tonight) kick off 7-30. They will be keeping a very watchful eye on their injuries however.

WEYMOUTH 2nd 32 NORTH DORSET 3rd 12

THE home side were given a stern test for the first-half of this division three encounter before pulling away in the final 30 minutes to win convincingly after playing some good open rugby.

In fact, on the 50 minute mark the score stood 15-12 before the onslaught came. Scum-half Gordon Tye scored two tries and kicked a conversion. Number eight Sam Polly, centre Nathan Allen and wingers Billie Haine and Mike Robinson also got over, so the side complete a deserved bonus point win that takes them into the division's third place.

Not such good news for Weymouth third side. They were within a couple of points of opponents, North Dorset fourths, on the hour mark, but fell away subsequently to lose 40-12.

WESTBURY 24 BRIDPORT 13

THIS was very much a contest between the home pack and the visitors' outsides that the home pack won in the end, although it had to come from behind to do so. Bridport had to absorb initial Westbury pressure, but took the lead rather against the run of play when out half King kicked a penalty goal after 10 minutes.

They prospered further in the short term when around the end of the first quarter, they ran a Westbury kick out of defence, back to very good effect, and Clarke touched down for King to convert.

Home pressure was mounting; however it was rewarded with a penalty try after Bridport's front row were adjudged to have stood up at a five yard scrum.

The conversion kick was successful and another converted try came Westbury's way soon after when their scrum half broke and scored from a scrum close in. The half-time whistle was approaching but, before it sounded, the home side cemented their lead by scoring a pushover try that they converted, leaving Bridport with the prospect of a long second period.

It did not happen. Although the Westbury pack continued to hold the upper hand throughout the second half, Bridport had their moments in attack. They got over the home line only to be held up and then reduced the arrears when King kicked his second penalty of the afternoon. This was countered by a similar Westbury effort and this completed the afternoon's scoring.

Bridport competed until the end but could not win enough useable ball to reduce the deficit further.

Sadly the Bridport second side had to withdraw from its fixture due to its inability to field a front row.

PREVIEW

WEYMOUTH will complete what has been a very busy week when they entertain NORTH DORSET 2nd on Saturday next. Now I watched the recent game between their opponents and Bridport, that Bridport won by a distance and I have to say that I regarded North Dorset as a very ordinary side by the end of that game. Bridport did play well however, using their backs to very good effect. Weymouth too have useful backs, and a pack that can win them useable ball. If they play simple error free rugby, they can make hay against this opposition.

BRIDPORT certainly have an opportunity to measure just how far they have progressed since the start of the season. They take on IVEL BARBARAINS at home and, coincidentally, I was present at the earlier fixture played at Yeovil.

The home side won that one 24-10, with Bridport lacking a little in several departments. I do think that the Brewery Field side have progressed considerably since that day and I believe that they will win this one if they play as they did on the last occasion that I watched them.

DORCHESTER visit TROWBRIDGE, a side who lie just below them in the Southern Counties Division and one that I believe has a very useful pack of forwards, and a handy place kicker. I see that Dorchester won the earlier encounter by 15-5 and feel that this will be a close one, with an away win coming Dorchester's way eventually.

PUDDLETOWN face WINCANTON at home and should certainly have a bonus point win safely tucked away by the time the whistle for no side blows Their opponents, having been promoted at last season's end, have found life in the higher division rather too rich for their blood and have lost every game thus far. (I see that Pudddletown bested them by over forty points in the earlier fixture, and on Wincanton's own ground at that.)

As to the second sides, Weymouth seconds will find it difficult to do the double over Poole, having scraped a win over these opponents earlier in the season at home, while the Weymouth third side will take on visitors, Swanage & Wareham fourths with rather more confidence.

Dorchester seconds will, in all probability, enjoy a rather easier afternoon against their division's bottom side Blandford seconds, while the Dorchester third side will most certainly have its hands full for it travels to Frome thirds who are top of division four and have a large and lumpy pack of forwards.

Bridport seconds have the chance to avenge the narrow defeat it suffered at the hands of Oakmedians thirds earlier in the season.

Fixtures 14th January

Bridport v Ivel Barbarians; Bridport 2nd v Oakmedians 3rd; Chard v Stroud; Chard 2nd v Wiveliscombe 2nd (away); Chard 3rd v Wiveliscombe 3rd (away);.Crewkerne v North Petherton 2nd; Dorchester v Trowbridge (away); Dorchester 2nd v Blandford 2nd; Dorchester 3rd v Frome 3rd (away); Honiton v Crediton; Honiton 2nd v Tavistock 2nd (away); Puddletown v Wincanton; Sidmouth v Paignton; Sidmouth 2nd v Paignton 2nd (away); Weymouth v North Dorset 2nd; Weymouth 2nd v Poole (away); Weymouth 3rd v Swanage & Wareham 4th.

Rugby extra: News from the region's colts teams

Bournemouth U18 17 Dorchester Colts 22

DORCHESTER are notoriously slow starters, but began this game with confidence.

A series of penalties in the host's half allowed Dorchester to exert early pressure and from a series of line outs in the home 22, the visitors created attacking mauls and were rewarded when prop Joe Underhill got the important touchdown, with Harry Smith adding the conversion.

From the restart Bournemouth applied pressure but were unable to break through, and when a loose pass was intercepted by Max Buckler, he ran 70 metres before off-loading to Kieran Fry in support who had the easiest of run to the line.

At this point Dorchester were by far the dominant side, and with Bournemouth conceding penalties at will it all seemed one sided. However a penalty from half way by Dorchester failed to make touch, and the alert Bournemouth winger collected before running 50 metres to score an unconverted try.

Back came the visitors with some great offloading, and a short pass by Buckler to Will Holmes saw the latter carve open the home defence and in under the posts for a converted score.

Once again the visitors let Bournemouth back in the game with some poor communication in defence allowing the home side a converted try to pull the score back to 12-19. Smith increased the half-time lead to ten points when he slotted home a 30 metre penalty after further infringement by Bournemouth.

The second was a scrappy affair and it was Dorchester's turn to concede numerous penalties, and with Bournemouth turning down the opportunity for a number of simple kicks, instead opting to go for a try, they were ultimately disappointed as all they got was an unconverted score.

◆ Both teams and all spectators held a minute's silence before the game in memory of Toby Hearne, a Chippenham U17 player who was tragically killed just before Christmas.

Salisbury Colts 17 Bridport 10

BRIDPORT were unlucky to come away with a loss in this very even, if somewhat scrappy contest.

The Blues were slow to shake off the excesses of Christmas and were soon three points down when penalised for offside within kicking range. They were soon further in arrears when the Salisbury backs' ability to pass out of the tackle allowed them to put a man into space and run in from five metres out for a try that was converted to leave them ten points adrift.

Bridport kept the home side at bay for most of the rest of the half and often exerted pressure of their own, only for rusty passing or handling to let them down.

Towards half-time it looked as if a poor pass behind the backs had lost them advantage at a scrum just outside the home 22.

Salisbury immediately closed them down as they turned to retrieve the ball and Will Haggerty had no option but to chip over the onrushing backs, where he and Jack Baker-Sims gave chase. The ball bounced kindly for Haggerty who regathered and raced under the posts, allowing Bob Lester-Card a straightforward kick for the extra 2 points.

Bridport were more much aggressive from the start of the second half and soon had their hosts on the back foot. This time it was Salisbury who were penalised within Lester-Card's kicking range and he duly added the penalty to level the scores.

Eventually the home side who prevailed when their centres made space for their winger to break the Bridport line and although brought down short of touch, support forwards arrived in time to pick and drive over the line.

The impressive touchline conversion extended the margin to one which didn't really reflect the difference between the teams.

Bridport U14 26 Weymouth 19

WEYMOUTH'S erratic form on their travels continued with this ultimately disappointing encounter.

Defensive frailties were immediately evident after a scrappy opening with a good run by Bridport winger Luke Roberts evading three tackles to score after 10 minutes well converted to lead 7-0.

Bridport were looking dangerous with ball in hand and the impressive Tom Kidd broke through the gain line to set up Roberts with a simple finish to make it 14-0.

Although Weymouth managed to settle things down they surrendered possession too easily after getting into good positions and were finding it difficult to penetrate into Bridport territory despite some good runs from Caolan Ryan down the wing.

The hosts broke away with more good three-quarter play requiring desperate defending from Weymouth and keeping up the pressure scored again to increase their lead to 19 points.

Despite this there were a few more promising signs for the visitors when towards the end of the half Nat Baynham-Jones made a good run brushing aside the Bridport defence before a high tackle brought him down.

The half-time whistle allowed Weymouth to reorganise and continue their policy of giving all squad members a game, and Johnny Young started to make his presence felt around the scrum.

Weymouth were now taking the game to Bridport and it was against the run of play when Kidd used his pace to score from well inside his own half; a good conversion from Felix Woolner taking the advantage to 26-0.

The Weymouth side then began an astonishing comeback. A good scrum and maul saw the blues progress to the Bridport 22 where Rob Macdonald passed to Young to score Weymouth's first points.

Scrum-half Brandon Weeks released Macdonald who was well tackled on the line to prevent a try, before Ryan ran well up the left wing into Bridport territory and from the resulting scrum Young, Weymouth's man-of-the-match, timed a perfect interception to run in for a try which was well converted by Josh Leatham to make it 26-12.

Soon after Toby de Kretser caught a high ball on his own 22 and outpaced the Bridport side to make it a more respectable 26-19 at the close.

Weymouth U10 v Lychett Minster

AFTER a month's break from the game, the Weymouth U10s travelled to Lytchett Minster to restart their season and hopes were high for a good encounter as both clubs were able to field large squads allowing them to play two different sides in each match.

In the first match, although the home side started quickly, it was the visitors who took the lead with a typical jinking run from James Dobson who scored in the corner. Almost immediately after this, another run from Dobson saw him offload to Tyler Baker who switched the play from right to left and scored in the opposite corner. Dobson added another before the break, and Robert Hunter scored a fourth in the second- half. Lytchett responded with two tries of their own, but Weymouth triumphed 4-2.

In the second game the home side seemed a little subdued and the visitors took full advantage with tries from Frankie Read (2), Hunter, and Ben Martin in the first-half. Lytchett scored before the break, but it was one-way traffic in the second-half, as Jack Hayward (2), Read, Henry Bell (3), and Read crossed the line as Weymouth ran out 10-1 winners.

The best effort award went to Robert Hunter.

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INSIDE: Victory for Dorchester RFC

Devlin gets star rating from new manager

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MIDFIELDER Steve Devlin was hailed as an unsung hero by Dorchester Town boss Knight following the former Pompey keeper's first win at The Avenue since his appointment at the end of November.

The 26-year-old had fallen out of favour under Ashley Vickers and had only spent a lot of time on the bench as the former manager tinkered with his side looking for a winning combination.

However the arrival of Knight saw a change of fortune for the all-action midfield dynamo who has started every match since.

Reflecting on the 3-0 victory over Thurrock on Saturday, Knight said: "Devs is a bit of an unsung hero and since I've come in he has worked his socks off up and down the left side "One or two people said he had lost his way a little bit, but I can't speak highly enough of him as he's probably been my most consistent player, and that's no disrespect to anyone else in the side.

"I'm not going to take the plaudits for it as he's done it himself with his work-rate and attitude. He has taken the responsibility upon himself.

"It's hard to pick out individuals though as they have all been fantastic."

Knight recognised the game against a side that has taken just four points from the last ten games as a potential banana skin but praised all of his players for their professional attitude.

"It's nice to score three and obviously keep a clean sheet as well.

"It's always difficult playing a team at the bottom. I've seen them a couple of times.

"They've added a few players in the past couple of months and they are just looking for that win to kick-start their season.

"It was important we weren't the side to give them that win, but thankfully we went out there and did a professional job.

"It could have been more and it could have been wrapped up by half-time, but we stuck at it and we got our just rewards.

"I was pleased with the overall performance from everyone but it was nice to see all the front boys get a goal."

Those included 18-year-old Tom Nichols who joined the Magpies on Friday on a month's loan and had not even had time to meet his teammates fully before the match.

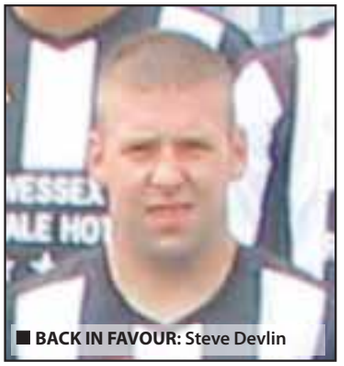
Knight said: "We had to make a decision about whether to start him or not. He hadn't really met the players until just before the game so we decided to leave him on the bench with a view to bringing him on, which we did with 20 minutes left."

Knight admitted that he hadn't seen Nichols play recently but was happy to go on the recommendation of Exeter City's coach Marcus Stewart, a prolific Premiership goalscorer with Ipswich Town and later with Yeovil Town and the Grecians.

"I have seen Tom play before but it was probably a year ago. Marcus speaks very highly of him and Marcus was a great player, so if anyone should know about strikers it's him.

"It was an encouraging performance and it was nice that he got his goal. Thurrock were going for it and we knew things would open up for us, which they did, and Tom certainly looked lively."

Knight who says he hopes to have a look at one or two trialists in the reserve game this week, but providing Andrew White recovers from a slight strain that saw him make way for Nichols, he hopes he won't have to go into the transfer market for a striker to cover Ben Dickenson's injury.



■ **BACK IN FAVOUR:** Steve Devlin

◆ **Cup holders Dorchester have been given a home tie against Portland United in the semi-finals of the Dorset Senior Cup at a neutral venue on a date at the end of February yet to be determined.**

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